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# Bill could return local fugitive to US

Two senators seek to push Cuba to extradite dozens, including Puerto Rican nationalist wanted in West Hartford heist

By Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

Two influential U.S. senators have introduced legislation to force Cuba to return more than 70 American criminals it has long harbored, including Victor M. Gerena, inside man for the violent Puerto Rican nationalists who robbed \$7 million from an armored car depot in West Hartford decades ago in what was then the largest cash robbery in U.S. history.

The bipartisan bill, written by Republican Marco Rubio of Florida and Bob Menendez of New Jersey, would require

the state department to press Cuba to comply with a century old extradition treaty. As leverage, it threatens,

Gerena

among other things, to withhold

money for Caribbean narcotics control programs benefiting Cuba.

The proposed legislation also would require the state department to report on its progress and produce a list of violent fugitives believed to be living under government protection in Cuba, something the U.S. government has refused to do for two decades.

Past measures to press Cuba to hand over wanted Americans have not produced high profile fugitives. As chairman and second-ranking

member, respectively, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Menendez and Rubio have influence with the state department not seen in earlier measures.

Gerena, who grew up in Hartford and was a top scholar and athlete at Buckley High School, has been one of the highest profile criminals living in Cuba since pulling off the bold robbery of a sinceclosed Wells Fargo depot in West Hartford in September 1982.

Gerena pulled a gun on two

co-workers, bound them and injected them with a sedative. He stuffed \$7 million in cash — all that would fit — into a battered green Buick he rented from Ugly Duckling car rental in West Hartford and disappeared.

It was later learned that he had been recruited by Los Macheteros, part of the violent wing of the Puerto Rican independence movement financed by Cuba and led by a

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# ROWING ON THE RIVER

ABOVE: Alex Kosion, 14, and Nate Bogoian, 15, prepare to launch on the Connecticut River at Riverside Park with the Riverfront Rowing Camp in Hartford.

**RIGHT:** Riverfront Rowing Camp volunteer Dave Guadliana takes a dip in the Connecticut River at Riverside Park.

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Alex Jones arrives at the Travis County Courthouse in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday. BRIANA SANCHEZ/AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN VIA AP

# **Jones: Sandy Hook** attack '100% real'

Testimony wraps up in defamation trial against Infowars host

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas - Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones testified Wednesday that he now understands it was irresponsible of him to declare the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre a hoax and that he now believes it

was "100% real." Speaking a day after the parents of a 6-year-old boy who was killed in the 2012 attack testified about the suffering, death threats and harassment they've endured because of what Jones has trumpeted on his media platforms, the Infowars host told a Texas courtroom that he definitely thinks the attack happened.

Especially since I've met the parents. It's 100% real," Jones said at his trial to determine how much he and his media company, Free Speech Systems, owe for defaming Neil

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# Mashantucket Pequot Nation diversifying

Aiming to weather downturns, Foxwoods parent acquires government contracting firm

By Stephen Singer Hartford Courant

The parent company of Foxwoods Resort Casino announced Wednesday its latest business acquisition intended to generate revenue regardless of business conditions and pandemics.

Command Holdings, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation's holding company with expertise in government, health care, facilities management and technology, acquired WWC Global, a Tampa, Florida-based government contracting firm focusing on federal agencies. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

"The tribe definitely was intentional about diversifying its economy in industries that can weather different economic downturns and cycles and away from gaming," said Angelina Casanova, a Mashantucket Pequot Tribal member and chairwoman of the Command

Holdings board of directors. With a little less than \$100 million in annual revenue and 350 employees, WWC Global's portfolio of customers includes the departments of Defense, Homeland Security and State and Agency for International

Development. WWC Global is a professional services contractor, working on the business side of government, including financial management, budgets, training and other programs. Jon Panamaroff, chief executive officer of Command Holdings, said federal contracting is more sustainable than seasonal type businesses that are

exposed to up and down cycles. WWC Global was founded by women who were barred from working with their husbands on overseas military bases, Chief Executive Officer Lauren Weiner said.

"We had come out of professional level careers ourselves," she said. "We were told that we basically needed to sit home and enjoy being military spouses overseas and not work. It was not what we wanted to hear. It was not what we wanted to do."

Tribal leaders decided to focus on diversifying the Mashantucket Pequot business following the Great Recession, Casanova

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**UCONN WOMEN'S** BASKETBALL

# **Bueckers** to miss season; **ACL torn**

Star guard injured knee during pick-up game on Monday

By Lila Bromberg Hartford Courant

The UConn women's basket-

ball program received devastating news Wednesday that will undoubtedly change the course of the 2022-23 season. Superstar guard Paige Bueck-

ers suffered a torn ACL in her left

knee during a pick-up basketball game on Monday. She will be out for the upcoming season, according to a team release.

Bueckers underwent an MRI Monday evening to confirm the injury. She will undergo surgery on Friday UConn Health.



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An update on the timeline for her recovery will be shared following

the procedure. "We're all devastated for Paige," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "She's worked really hard to get stronger and healthier this offseason, and this is an unfortunate setback. Paige is obviously an amazing basketball player but she's a better person and teammate and it's really unfortunate that this has happened to her. We'll miss her presence on the court, but she'll do everything she can to still lead and help her teammates this season. Our program will support Paige through her healing process to help her come back better and stronger."

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## Hrezi again loses effort to challenge primary election

A judge has again ruled against would-be congressional candidate Muad Hrezi's challenge of the state primary election process, effectively killing the liberal Democrat's effort to challenge incumbent Congressman John Larson. Connecticut, Page 1

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## Bueckers

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The news is a huge blow to the Huskies, who were burdened by injuries and COVID-19 issues to nearly the entire roster in 2021-22. That included Bueckers, who missed 19 games after suffering an anterior tibial plateau fracture and lateral meniscus tear in the same left knee. She had surgery Dec. 13 and returned to action on Feb. 25, and she led the team with averages of 14.6 points, 4.0 assists, 3.9 assists and 1.5 steals per game.

Bueckers had committed to stay in Storrs for the summer to get stronger to prevent injury, making Wednesday's news all the more heartbreaking.

"It's so so crazy because you work so hard to get back healthy, you feel stronger than ever, and you are playing your best basketball and with one sudden movement it all shifts," Bueckers posted on Instagram. "It's hard trying to make sense of it all now but I can't help but think that God is using me as a testimony as to how much you can overcome with Him by your side. Some little kid that just tore their ACL or had a major surgery might need this story P, because it's going to be one hell of a comeback.

There is going to be good days and there is going to be bad days but my absolute love for the game and Godly strength will get me back to where I need to be. I've worked too hard for the little kid in these pictures to keep going for the dreams I've had since I first picked up the ball, so why would I stop now? The prayers and love means so much to me and the doubts that I won't get back to where I was might mean even more. God put a dream in my heart and even if I have to walk through a nightmare to get it I'm going to keep believing. All love, P."

After reaching the national championship game last year despite injuries to Bueckers, Azzi Fudd (foot), Dorka Juhász (wrist), Caroline Ducharme (hip) and several others, UConn players were confident in their ability to win it all this upcoming season with a healthy roster. Those aspirations completely shift with the star point guard out of the picture.

Bueckers became the first freshman in women's college basketball history to earn the Wooden Award, Naismith Trophy, AP Player of the Year and USBWA Player of the Year honors in 2020-21. She averaged 20 points, 5.8 assists, 4.9 rebounds and 2.3 steals per game that year.

Prior to her injury last season, Bueckers averaged a team-best 21.2 points, 6.2 assists, 5.5 rebounds and 2.7 steals through the first six games. UConn started the year 5-1 with her in the lineup - with the lone loss to top-ranked South Carolina in the Bahamas in November and then went 15-4 without her.

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Heslin and Scarlett Lewis. Their son Jesse Lewis was among the 20 students and six educators who were killed in the attack in Newtown, Connecticut, which was the deadliest school shooting in American

But Heslin and Lewis said Tuesday that an apology wouldn't suffice and that Jones needed to be held accountable for repeatedly spreading falsehoods about the attack. They are seeking at least \$150 million in the

Jones — who has portrayed the lawsuit against him as an attack on his First Amendment rights — told the jury that any compensation above \$2 million "will sink us," but added: "I think it's appropriate for whatever you decide what you want to do."

Testimony in the trial, which is in its second week, concluded at around midday and closing arguments were expected to begin Wednesday afternoon.

Jones was the only person who testified in his own defense. His attorney asked him if he now understands it was "absolutely irresponsible" to push the false claims that the massacre didn't happen and no one died.

Jones said he does, but added, "They (the media) won't let me take it back.'

He also complained that he's been "typecast as someone that runs around talking about Sandy Hook, makes money off Sandy Hook, is obsessed by Sandy Hook."

Under a withering cross-examination from attorney Mark Bankston, Jones acknowledged his history of raising conspiracy claims regarding other mass tragedies, from the Oklahoma City and Boston Marathon bombings to the mass shootings in Las Vegas and Parkland, Florida.

Bankston then went after Jones' credibility, showing an Infowars video clip from last week when a host - not Jones - claimed the trial was rigged and featuring a photo of the judge in flames. Then came another clip of Jones asking if the jury was selected from a group of people "who don't know what planet" they live on. Jones said he didn't mean that part literally.

Bankston said Jones hadn't complied with court orders to provide text message and emails for pretrial evidence gathering. Jones said, "I don't use email," then was showed one gathered from another source that came from his email address. He replied: "I must have dictated that."

At one point, Bankston informed Jones that his attorneys had mistakenly sent Bankston the last two years' worth of texts from Jones' cellphone.

The attorney also showed the court an email from an Infowars business officer informing Jones that the company had earned \$800,000 gross in selling its products in a single day, which would amount to nearly \$300 million in a year. Jones said that was the company's best day in sales.



Neil Heslin, father of 6-year-old Sandy Hook shooting victim Jesse Lewis, becomes emotional during his testimony during the trial for Alex Jones on Tuesday at the Travis County Courthouse in Austin. The parents of the boy are seeking at least \$150 million from Jones and his media company for calling the attack a hoax. BRIANA SANCHEZ/AMERICAN-STATESMAN VIA AP

Jones' testimony came a day after Heslin and Lewis told the courtroom in Austin, where Jones and his companies are based, that Jones and the false hoax claims he and Infowars pushed made their lives a "living hell" of death threats, online abuse and harassment.

They led a day of charged testimony Tuesday that included the judge scolding the bombastic Jones for not being truthful with some of what he said under oath.

In a gripping exchange, Lewis spoke directly to Jones, who was sitting about 10 feet away. Earlier that day, Jones was on his broadcast program telling his audience that Heslin is "slow" and being manipulated by bad people.

At one point, Lewis asked Jones: "Do you think I'm an actor?"

"No, I don't think you're an actor," Jones responded before the judge admonished him to be quiet until called to testify.

Heslin told the jury about holding his son with a bullet hole through his head, even describing the extent of the damage to his son's body. A key segment of the case is a 2017 Infowars broadcast that said Heslin didn't hold his son.

The jury was shown a school picture of a smiling Jesse taken two weeks before he was killed. The parents didn't receive the photo until after the shooting. They described how Jesse was known for telling classmates to "run!" which likely saved

Jones initially took the stand later Tuesday. At one point the judge sent the jury out of the courtroom and strongly scolded Jones for telling the jury he had complied with pretrial evidence gathering even though he didn't and that he is bankrupt, which has not been determined. The plaintiffs' attorneys were furious about Jones mentioning he is bankrupt, which they worry will taint the jury's decisions about damages.

"This is not your show," Judge Maya Guerra Gamble told Jones. "Your beliefs do not make something true. You are under

Last September, the judge admonished Jones in her default judgment over his failure to turn over documents requested by the Sandy Hook families. A court in Connecticut issued a similar default judgment against Jones for the same reasons in a separate lawsuit brought by other Sandy Hook parents.

At stake in the trial is how much Jones will pay. The parents have asked the jury to award \$150 million in compensation for defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The jury will then consider whether Jones and his company will pay punitive damages.

Jones has already tried to protect Free Speech Systems financially. The company, which is Infowars' parent company, filed for federal bankruptcy protection last week. Sandy Hook families have separately sued Jones over his financial claims, arguing that the company is trying to protect millions owned by Jones and his family through shell

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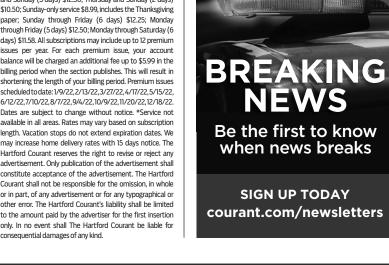


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said. Slot revenue was off nearly 11% in 2008, a loss of \$88.7 million from before the recession in 2006.

More than a decade later, the pandemic and a nearly threemonth shutdown of Foxwoods in 2020 to slow the spread of COVID-19 led to a collapse in revenue. It began to climb back slowly as the pandemic receded.

But even before COVID-19, revenue was under pressure as casino competition intensified in the Northeast. MGM Springfield opened in August 2018 and Wynn Resorts' Encore Boston Harbor opened the following year, drawing gamblers and visitors from Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun and adding to an already crowded market in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island.

Slot revenue at Foxwoods fell in each of the three years before the pandemic, from \$468 million in 2017 to \$431.3 million in 2019, a nearly 8% decline.

Foxwoods, which the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation needs to support its credit, "creates vulnerability to competition and an inability to sell assets to repay debt," Moody's Investors Service analysts John E. Puchalla and Keith Foley wrote in an April 21

Casino competition and the clear



An aerial view of the Foxwoods Resort Casino on the Mashantucket Pequot Indian Reservation in Ledyard. BOB CHILD

field in sports betting and online gambling that some states enjoyed were critical issues in negotiations last year with the administration of Gov. Ned Lamont to craft legislation authorizing sports betting and expanded gambling on phones, tablets and laptops.

Nationally, tribal enterprises

are "economic engines, locally and regionally," according to a report by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. As of January 2020, tribes provided more than 1.1 million jobs in the U.S., most of which were held by nontribal members. Tribes are active in numerous industries, including hospitality, tourism, energy, manufacturing and development and financial services, the report said.

The recent acquisition by the Mashantucket Pequots is not the first for Command Holdings, which wrapped up two other deals in July 2021. It acquired CeLeen Inc., a St. Louis-based information

technology company, and Quattro Consulting in Washington, D.C.

It owns a fourth company, Copperhead Technologies, a computer programming and systems design company.

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former officer in the Cuban intelligence service. Cuba was then supporting so-called national liberation movements in Puerto Rico and across the Caribbean and Latin America.

Los Macheteros, which means Machete Wielders or Cane Cutters, packed Gerena and the money behind false walls in a motor home and drove him to Mexico City, where he was disguised, given counterfeit identity papers and flown with the money to Havana. The government of Cuba kept most of the money, according to a variety of intelligence sources.

The Macheteros planned to use their share of the money, more than \$2 million, in an armed struggle for Puerto Rican impendence.

The proposed legislation is named for New Jersey state trooper Werner Foerster and Wall Street trader Frank Connor and is the result of years of pressure on Congress by Connor's son,

Foerster was gunned down in 1973 by Joanne Chesimard. a member of the Black Liberation Army, and two accomplices. Chesimard and the others opened fire on two troopers - and ultimately executed Foerster at point bank range - during a routine traffic stop. She was convicted of murder in 1977 and, two years later, escaped from a New Jersey prison and reached Cuba.

Connor was one of those who died in a terror bombing at the historic Fraunces Tavern in lower Manhattan in January 1975. Police suspect the bomb maker was William "Guillermo" Morales, a member of the Armed Forces of National Liberation, a violent Puerto Rican nationalist group associated with Los Macheteros. Morales is also suspected of bombing the Mobil Oil building in New York in 1977 and of several other

Morales was partially blinded and lost parts of both hands and ears when one of this bombs exploded prematurely in 1978. He escaped to Mexico and later reached Cuba. During a series of interviews with the Courant in Havana 20 years ago. Morales said he was living under the protection of the Cuban government and would not discuss other fugitives, including Gerena.

Joseph Conner said Wednesday that he has been pressing the U.S. to seek the return of the fugitives for decades

'I started writing letters in 1990," he said. "This has my father's name on it and that makes it very personal."

Together, Los Macheteros and the armed Forces of National Liberation, known by the Spanish acronym FALN, are believed responsible for 130 bombings, several murders and as many as a dozen robberies.

Rubio said the U.S. should withhold any sanctions relief for Cuba until fugitives are returned.

"The communist regime in Cuba has provided safe haven to Joanne Chesimard, Guillermo Morales, Charlie Hill, Victor Manuel Gerena and other criminals responsible for planning and carrying out violent crimes against Americans," he said. "This bill takes an important step by requiring the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to use diplomatic tools to secure the extradition of all fugitives residing in Cuba to face justice in the United States. Until the regime

complies with U.S. law and hands these fugitives over to face trial in American courts, it absolutely should not receive taxpayer assistance or sanctions relief."

In the late 1990s, the FBI said there were more than 90 fugitive Americans being harbored by Cuba, according to a list obtained by the Courant. Those on the list ranged from a wanted financier, airline hijackers, militants and violent nationalists. The government has since refused requests for an updated list.

In 1997, 12 imprisoned Puerto Rican nationalists, including the convicted mastermind of the Wells Fargo robbery, accepted a clemency offer from then-President William Clinton. The offer was widely viewed as an attempt by Hillary Clinton to win support among New York's large Puerto Rican population during her run for the U.S. Senate.

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# **WORLD NATION**

# Kansas vote gives Dems new hope

Abortion rights win in red state boosts midterms optimism

**By Steve Peoples** Associated Press

NEW YORK - Democrats displayed a newfound sense of optimism about the election-year political climate Wednesday after voters in traditionally conservative Kansas overwhelmingly backed a measure protecting abortion rights.

At the White House, President Joe Biden hailed the vote in Kansas as the direct result of outrage at the Supreme Court's decision in June to overturn a woman's constitutional right to obtain an abortion.

Republicans and the high court "don't have a clue about the power of American women," Biden said. "Last night in Kansas, they found out."

Biden also signed an executive order aimed in part at making it easier for women seeking abortions to travel between states to obtain access to the procedure.

More specifically, one of the directives Biden issued will allow states that have not outlawed abortion to apply for specific Medicaid waivers that would, in effect, help them treat women who have traveled from out of

On Capitol Hill, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., boasted of the political winds "blowing at Democrats."

"Last night in the American heartland, the people of Kansas sent an unmistakable message to the Republican extremists," he said. "If it's gong to happen in Kansas, it's going to happen



People cheer Tuesday in Overland Park, Kansas, after a bid to allow strict limits or ban on abortion failed. ANGIE RICONO/KCTV5

in a whole lot of states."

With three months until the November election, the optimism may be premature. But it represents a much-needed break for a party that has spent the better part of the past year reeling from crisis to crisis, including the botched withdrawal from Afghanistan and rising prices for gasoline and other goods.

Those developments have contributed to Biden's low approval ratings, leaving Democrats without a unifying leader in a position to rally voters before the election, with control of Congress at stake.

The Kansas vote, however, suggests that threats to abortion rights may energize Democrats in a way few political leaders can. And it comes at a moment when the party is gaining momentum on other fronts, including a legislative package to reduce prescription drug prices, combat climate change and raise taxes on corporations.

The challenge for Democrats will be to maintain the energy for several more months and defy trends that typically trip up the party in

In recent history, the party controlling the White House almost always suffers deep losses in the first midterm election of a new presidency. Also, an overwhelming majority of voters believe the country is headed in the wrong direction amid inflation and other economic concerns.

Even with abortion-related momentum, many Democratic strategists privately expect to lose the House majority and believe the Senate is essentially a coin flip.

The day after the Kansas vote, Democratic strategists on the front lines of key midterm contests described a complicated political reality on abortion.

Abortion rights supporters surged to the polls in Kansas, where abortion was quite literally on the ballot. By a roughly 20-percentage

point margin, they rejected a measure that would have changed the state constitution to allow state lawmakers to impose restrictions on abortion — or even a ban. The early August primary turnout was on par with a governor's general election contest.

But few elections this fall will feature such clear stakes for abortion rights. Just four states — California, Michigan, Vermont and Kentucky are expected to feature a Kansas-style abortion referendum on the November ballot, according to the pro-Democratic group EMILY's List.

In the majority of states. Democrats must convince voters they can protect abortion access only by defeating anti-abortion Republican candidates at the state and federal level. While that is true in most cases, it's much more complicated to run against a candidate than a single-issue ballot measure, according to Democratic pollster Molly Murphy.

"The optimist would say, when voters know that abortion is on the ballot, they are motivated to turn out," Murphy said. "That's the messaging challenge that we are going to face. Will voters believe that a legal right to abortion is at stake here in this country in their vote for Congress, Senate, governor, state house — all of those things — and be as motivated to show up to vote?"

"Republicans are going to do everything they can to deflect and not engage on this," she added, noting the GOP's heavy focus on inflation, gas prices and immi-

Indeed, as Democrats celebrated on Wednesday, the Republican reaction to the abortion vote was decidedly muted.

The Kansas vote was "a huge disappointment for pro-life Kansans and Americans nationwide," said Mallory Carroll, of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America.

Republican strategist Christine Matthews warned that the Kansas vote could have "an energizing effect for abortion rights support-

"Success breeds success," she said. "It will encourage the belief that turning out and activating can make a difference and that is particularly important with younger voters and those less inclined to participate. It's a momentum-shifter."

# Senate approves Finland, Sweden's bid into NATO

Lawmakers call bloc's expansion of pair a 'slam-dunk'

**By Ellen Knickmever** and Lisa Mascaro Associated Press

WASHINGTON U.S. Senators delivered near-unanimous bipartisan approval to NATO membership for Finland and Sweden on Wednesday, calling expansion of the Western defensive bloc a "slam-dunk" for U.S. national security and a day of reckoning for Russian President Vladimir Putin over his invasion of Ukraine.

Wednesday's 95-1 vote - for the candidacy of two Western European nations that, until Russia's war against Ukraine, had long avoided military alliances – took a crucial step toward expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and its 73-year-old pact of mutual defense among the United States and democratic allies in Europe.

President Joe Biden, who has been the principal player rallying global economic and material support for Ukraine, has sought quick entry for the two previously non-militarily aligned northern European nations.

Approval from all member nations — currently at 30 — is required. The candidacies of the two prosperous Northern European nations have won ratification from more than half of the NATO member nations in the roughly three months since the two applied. It's a purposely rapid pace meant to send a message to Russia over its six-monthold war against Ukraine's

West-looking government. "It sends a warning shot to tyrants around the world who believe free democracies are just up for grabs," Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.. said in the Senate debate ahead of the vote.

"Russia's unprovoked invasion has changed the way we think about world security," she added.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who visited Kyiv earlier this year, urged unanimous approval.

"Their accession will make NATO stronger and America more secure. If any senator is looking for a defensible excuse to vote no, I wish them good luck," McConnell said.

But Sen. Josh Hawley, a Missouri Republican who often aligns his positions with those of the most ardent supporters of former President Donald Trump, has been one of the few to speak in opposition. Hawley took the Senate floor to call European security alliances a distraction from what he called the United States' chief rival — China, not Russia.

"We can do more in Europe ... devote more resources, more firepower ... or do what we need to do to deter Asia and China. We cannot do both," Hawley

Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas, like Hawley a potential 2024 presidential contender, rebutted his points without naming his potential Republican rival.

They're "two of the strongest members of the alliance the minute they join," Cotton said.

U.S. State and Defense officials consider the two countries net "security providers," strengthening NATO's defense posture in the Baltics in particular. Finland is expected to top NATO's 2% GDP defense spending target in 2022, and Sweden has committed to meet the 2% goal.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said he and McConnell had committed to the country's leaders that the Senate would approve the ratifica-



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, center, welcomes Paivi Nevala, left, minister counselor of the Finnish Embassy, and Karin Olofsdotter, Sweden's ambassador to the U.S., to witness Wednesday's vote on NATO membership for both countries. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

tion resolution "as fast as we could" to bolster the alliance "in light of recent Russian aggression."

Sweden and Finland applied in May. Meanwhile, in Ukraine,

on Wednesday:

■ Russian forces kept up their bombardment of the southern city of Mykolaiv, shelling it twice over the past 24 hours, regional Gov. Vitaliy Kim reported, adding the shelling damaged a pier, an industrial enterprise, residential buildings, a garage cooperative, a supermarket and a pharmacy.

Mykolaiv is a port city on the Black Sea that Russians need to capture if they want to reach their goal of cutting southern Ukraine off from its Black Sea coast.

Mykolaiv Mayor Oleksandr Sienkevych said 131 civilians have died in the city from Russian rocket and artillery shelling and 590 others were seriously iniured.

■ The Ukrainian military claimed to have repulsed Russian attacks along a broad front in the eastern Donetsk region, a key target of Moscow's invasion. It said

Ukrainian forces pushed back over a dozen Russian assaults in the eastern province, one of two that make up Ukraine's industrial heartland.

■ Russia kept up its shelling of towns and villages in Ukraine's north and east. Russian shelling killed four civilians in Donetsk province in the last 24 hours, Ukraine's presidential office

■ President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has issued an order to all those remaining in the embattled province to evacuate as soon as possible.

# DOJ subpoenas Trump White House counsel Cipollone, source says

By Maggie Haberman and Luke Broadwater The New York Times

Pat Cipollone, the White House counsel under former President Donald Trump who tried to stop some of his more extreme efforts to overturn the 2020 election, has been subpoenaed by a federal grand jury investigating activities in the lead-up to the U.S. Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021, a person familiar with the subpoena

It was unclear which grand jury had called Cipollone to testify as a witness. Two are known to be hearing evidence and testimony — one looking at the scheme by some of Trump's lawyers and advisers to assemble slates of electors who would falsely claim that Trump was the actual winner of the election, and another focused on the events of Jan. 6.

But Cipollone is the highest-ranking White House official working for Trump during his final days in office who is known to have been called to testify by federal investigators.

Cipollone was in the West Wing as Trump's supporters violently stormed Cipollone the Capitol and the

president refused repeatedly to call them off. Cipollone also attended several meetings in the run-up to the riot in which Trump and his allies discussed how they could overturn the election



and keep him in office. Cipollone repeat-

edly pushed back on those efforts. An aide to Cipol-

lone did not immediately respond to requests for comment. A spokesman for the Justice Depart-

ment declined to comment. Cipollone's appearance has been requested at a time when federal prosecutors are sharpening their focus on the conduct of Trump,

and not simply the people who were advising him.

In recent weeks, investigators have asked witnesses questions about Trump and his actions, including of people who worked in the White House.

Two former senior advisers to Vice President Mike Pence — his chief of staff, Marc Short, and his chief counsel, Greg Jacob recently testified before one of the grand juries, according to people familiar with their appearances.

Given the nature of Cipollone's job, it was unclear how much information he would provide. He was subpoenaed by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 riot and the events that helped precipitate it, and sat for a transcribed, recorded inter-

But certain terms were discussed ahead of time, and Cipollone, citing attorney-client and executive privileges, declined to discuss specific conversations with Trump.

## **WORLD & NATION**

# Trump powers allies to primary wins

Ariz., Mich. figures' fates reflect loyalty to former president

**By Shane Goldmacher** The New York Times

PHOENIX - Primary victories in Arizona and Michigan for allies of former President Donald Trump on Tuesday reaffirmed his continued influence over the Republican Party, as he has sought to cleanse the party of his critics, install loyalists in key swing-state offices and scare off potential 2024 rivals with a show of brute political force.

In Arizona, Trump's choice for Senate, Blake Masters, won a crowded primary as did his pick for secretary of state, Mark Finchem, an election denier who has publicly acknowledged his affiliation with the far-right Oath Keepers militia group. And with votes still being counted Wednesday in the GOP primary for governor, Kari Lake – who has said she would not have certified Biden's victory in her state — had a slight lead over Karrin Taylor Robson, the candidate backed by Mike Pence, Trump's former vice president.

And in a symbolic victory for Trump, Rusty Bowers, the Republican speaker of the Arizona House who gained national attention after testifying against Trump at the Jan. 6, 2021, congressional hearings, lost his bid for state Senate.

In Michigan, a House Republican who voted to impeach Trump, Rep. Peter Meijer, was defeated by a former Trump administration official, John Gibbs, and Trump's last-minute choice for governor, the conserva-



Abraham Hamadeh, from left, Kari Lake and Blake Masters, Republicans running for Arizona attorney general, governor and Senate respectively, have all disputed the legitimacy of the 2020 election. ADRIANA ZEHBRAUSKAS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

tive commentator Tudor Dixon, who has echoed his false claims of election fraud, easily won her primary.

Trump and his allies have been focused on the vote-counting and certification process in Arizona and Michigan, seeking to oust those who stood in the way of their attempts to overturn the 2020 election. The victory of Finchem, who marched on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, was a key sign of how the "Stop the Steal" movement that was formed on a falsehood about 2020 has morphed into a widespread campaign to try to take control of the levers of democracy before the coming elections.

Tuesday's primaries in five states - Arizona, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas and Washington – kicked off a final six-week stretch of races that will provide the fullest picture of the Republican Party's priorities in 2022, how tight Trump's hold remains on the base and the extent to which his falsehoods about a stolen election in 2020 have infected the electorate.

In Washington state, Trump had backed challengers to two Republican House members who voted for his impeachment. But both incumbents appeared to be in strong positions to advance over Trump's preferred candidates - benefiting from the state's top-two primary system, though neither race had been called

early Wednesday. Many Republican strategists are eager to move beyond the primaries and this period of infighting to focus fully on defeating the Democrats this fall and to take advantage of President Joe Biden's slipping support and growing voter frustrations about inflation and the state of the economy.

In a relief for national party strategists, Missouri Republicans rejected the political comeback attempt of Eric Greitens, the scandal-plagued former governor who ran for Senate. Party leaders had worried that Greitens would have jeopardized an otherwise safe Senate seat for Republicans. Trump had stayed out of that race until a bizarre last-minute dual endorsement Monday of "Eric" — with no last name - a blessing that covered both Greitens, who finished in distant third, and Eric Schmitt, the state attorney general, who won the Senate

nomination. In the GOP contest for Arizona governor, Trump endorsed Lake, a former television newscaster who had become an unabashed

champion of Trumpism. Trump is seeking some redemption after struggling earlier this year in other governor's races, most notably failing in his attempt to oust the Republican governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp.

Unlike Kemp, the Republican governor of Arizona, Doug Ducey, who earned Trump's ire by backing the results of the 2020 election, was term-limited and not on the ballot. Ducey put his support behind Robson, a wealthy real estate developer who spent over \$18 million on her run.

Lake, who has made voter fraud a centerpiece of her candidacy, declared victory at a moment when she was actually behind in the vote counting. "We won this race," Lake said at her election-night party. "Period." She later took a narrow lead, but that contest remained too close to call Wednesday.

The Democratic primaries Tuesday for statewide offices were less dramafilled. In Arizona, Secretary of State Katie Hobbs won the Democratic nomination for governor, and in Michigan, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer formally became her party's nominee for a second term.

But the highest-profile race in Michigan was Meijer's reelection bid. His primary rival received a surprise late boost from the political arm of House Democrats, which spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on television ads because Gibbs was seen as easier to defeat this fall in a swing seat.

"I'm proud to have remained true to my principles, even when doing so came at a significant political cost," Meijer said in a statement conceding defeat.

# Tracked Colombian activists wary

High-risk figures worry GPS devices only add to dangers

By Frank Bajak Associated Press

The bulletproof vehicles that Colombia's government assigns to hundreds of high-risk individuals are supposed to make them safer. But when an investigative reporter discovered they all had GPS trackers, she only felt more vulnerable — and outraged.

No one had informed Claudia Julieta Duque – or apparently any of the 3.700-plus journalists, rights activists and labor and indigenous leaders who use the vehicles — that the devices were keeping constant tabs on their whereabouts. In Duque's case, it happened as often as every 30 seconds. The system could also remotely cut off the SUV's engine.

Colombia is among the world's most dangerous countries for human rights defenders, with more than 500 killed since 2016. It is also a country where rightwing extremists have a track record of infiltrating national security bodies. For Duque, the GPS revelation was chilling: Movements of people already at risk of political assassination were being tracked with technology bad actors could use.

"It's something superinvasive," said Duque, a persistent target of rogue security agents. "And the state doesn't seem to care."

The government agency responsible has said the trackers were installed to help prevent theft, to track the bodyguards who often drive the vehicles and to help respond to dangerous situations.

For a decade, Colombia had been installing trackers in the armored vehicles of at-risk individuals as well as VIPs, including presidents, government ministers and senators. The agency's



Alberto Yepes, a leading Colombian human rights activist, said last month that he is concerned that cellular circuitry he discovered in his government-assigned SUV could be used to illegally eavesdrop on conversations. FERNANDO VERGARA/AP

director made that disclosure after Duque learned last year through a public records request that the system was recording her SUV's location an average of five times an hour.

The director dismissed privacy concerns and called the practice "fundamental" to guaranteeing security.

Considering the tracker a danger to her and her sources, Duque pressed for details on its exact features. But the National Protection Unit, known as UNP in Spanish, offered little. She then demanded the agency remove the device. It refused. So in February, Duque returned the vehicle, left the country and filed a legal challenge.

Now back in Bogota, she is hoping for satisfaction when Gustavo Petro, Colombia's first leftist president, takes office Sunday.

Petro's domestic security transition team did not respond to questions on the

Whatever action the

new administration takes will reflect on its avowed commitment to human rights and its ability to reform a national security establishment long run by bitter political foes.

The UNP is a pillar of that establishment. It employs, mostly as bodyguards, dozens of ex-agents of the disgraced DAS domestic security agency, which was dissolved in 2011 after the government of former President Alvaro Uribe abused it to spy on Supreme Court justices, journalists and

political opponents. Prominent among them were Petro himself — and Duaue.

She was surveilled, threatened and bullied by DAS operatives after uncovering evidence that the 1999 assassination of beloved humorist and peace activist Jaime Garzon was a crime of the state. Duque's reporting eventually helped convict a former DAS deputy director in the killing, and three other ex-DAS officials have

been convicted of psychological torture for threatening the lives of Duque and her daughter.

Trials against eight others are pending. Through it all, threats forced her into temporary exile nearly a dozen times.

The questions about the GPS devices added to growing concerns about an agency that once ranked among Latin America's most effective in human rights protection. Adam Isacson. an analyst with the Washington Office on Latin America, said the UNP became less responsive, more politicized and more penetrated by criminality under the outgoing conservative government.

"With social leaders being killed nearly every other day during the past four years, this was the worst time for the unit to fall into disarray,"

Duque says she was tipped to the GPS trackers in early 2020 when she learned of a planned attempt on her life, but when she asked

about them, the government

stonewalled for a year. When she finally got documents with the aid of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, they showed her location was recorded 25,183 times over 209 days from February to August of last year alone. A software manual described a panoply of other control options, including remotely operating cameras and door

locks. Duque asked if any such features were active in the government-leased vehicles but said she got no answer. The general manager of the company that provides the GPS software told the AP that it only tracks location and speed and enables engine cutoff.

A 2021 contract with the vehicle-leasing company obtained by Duque stipulates that a UNP official must approve any engine cutoff and that collected data be kept a minimum of two years. Nothing in the contract supports the claim made by the UNP that the system tracks bodyguards and enables quick reactions in dangerous situations.

UNP officials declined to respond to questions from the AP. There is no evidence the GPS tracking led to any harm to any of the people under protection.

Agency officials took offense last year when Duque questioned their intentions.

We don't persecute or follow anyone illegally," Director Alfonso Campo tweeted in October. "The information compiled by GPS is private" and only handed over to a judge or judicial authority when required in a case or for security reasons. The AP asked the chief prosecutor's office if had made any requests, but it did not respond.

Privacy experts consider the Colombian government's tracking illegal and disproportionate and say it poses an unnecessary hacking risk.

A June 2021 letter from the government to the Inter-American commission said the UNP took "all measures necessary" to ensure data on protected individuals was "not accessible to (agency) functionaries." But in a December letter to Duque, the agency indicated it does not directly administer the data-protection efforts. A contractor is responsible.

Alberto Yepes, a leading rights activist who assists victims of extrajudicial killings by Colombia's military, is certain the UNP is being used to spy on him. He suspects cellphone circuitry he discovered in September in his government-provided vehicle could be used to eavesdrop.

Yepes is not sure Petro can succeed in overhauling the protection unit due to heavy involvement of contractors with military backgrounds.

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# Nuclear plant gives Russians cover

Ukrainians hesitant to return fire for fear of striking reactors

**By Andrew E. Kramer** The New York Times

NIKOPOL, Ukraine - Along most of the front line in Russia's war in Ukraine, when one side lets loose with an artillery attack, the other shoots back.

a city deep in southern farm country where the Ukrainian military faces a new and vexing obstacle as it prepares for a major counteroffensive: a nuclear power station that the Russian army has turned into a fortress.

Nikopol, controlled by the Ukrainians, lies on the west bank of the Dnieper River.

On the opposite bank sits a gigantic nuclear power plant — Europe's largest — that the Russian army captured in March.

The Russians have been firing from the cover of the Zaporizhzhia power station since mid-July, Ukrainian military and civilian officials said, sending rockets over the river at Nikopol and other targets.

It is, in effect, a free shot. Ukraine cannot unleash volleys of shells in return using American-provided advanced rocket systems, which have silenced Russian guns elsewhere on the front line. Doing so would risk striking one of the six pressurized water reactors or highly radioactive waste in

And Russia knows it.

They are hiding there so they cannot be hit," said Nikopol Mayor Oleksandr Sayuk. "Why else would they be at the electrical station? To use such an object as a shield is very dangerous."

Residents have been fleeing Nikopol because of the dangers of both shelling and of a potential radiation leak. And those who remain

But not in Nikopol,



Across the Dnieper River, the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant can be seen last week from Ukrainian-held territory. DAVID GUTTENFELDER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

feel helpless, as if they are targets in a shooting gallery.

"We are like condemned prisoners who must just stand still and be shot at," said Halvna Hrashchenkova, a retiree whose home was hit by Russian artillery. "They shoot at us, and there is nothing we can do."

The attacks from the nuclear plant are complicating Ukraine's plans in the south, which has become the focal point of the war as Russian advances in the east have slowed.

For more than two months, the Ukrainian army has been telegraphing an intention to counterattack on the west bank of the Dnieper, with the goal being to liberate the city of Kherson.

Using a long-range American rocket-launching system known as HIMARS. Ukraine has been softening up Russian positions and cutting supply lines. Rocket strikes in July destroyed a road and railroad bridges pivotal for Russian resupply of forces on the west bank, to the south of Nikopol, closer to Kherson.

As the counterattack picks up, the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant poses a quandary. Russian forces have occupied the nuclear site since March 4 but began using it for artillery strikes only three weeks ago, Ukrainian officials say, about when HIMARS appeared on the battlefield.

Shielded from return fire, the Russians are menacing Ukrainian troops advancing toward the Nova Kakhovka dam on the Dnieper, one of the last remaining crossing points for Russian resupply.

It is a problem Ukraine will have to solve as it moves troops and equipment into the area for the attack.

The Ukrainian army's

retaliatory options at Nikopol are limited.

One tactic it has tried is to execute precision strikes that avoid, as much as possible, the risk of damaging the reactors.

On July 22, for instance, Ukraine's military intelligence agency reported a strike with a kamikaze drone that blew up an anti-aircraft installation and a Grad rocket launcher. It also killed soldiers in a tent camp located about 150 yards from

The fighting near the power plant has renewed worries that the war will set off a release of radiation in a country chockablock with delicate and dangerous nuclear sites, including Chernobyl, which Russia occupied in March but then abandoned.

When the Russian army seized the Zaporizhzhia plant in March, combat ignited a fire — and a good deal of worry about nuclear safety.

In that fighting, shrapnel hit but did not breach the containment structure of Reactor No. 1. Three of the six reactors are active now, and the others are idled or under repair.

Only a direct strike with a powerful weapon would penetrate the reactors' yardthick concrete containment vessels, said Dmytro Orlov, exiled mayor of the city of Enerhodar, where the reactor is, and a former engineer at the plant.

But if that happened, it would risk a meltdown or explosion that could spread radiation on the wind within Ukraine and beyond, as happened at Chernobyl in 1986, the world's worst nuclear disaster.

The fatigue and stress of the Ukrainian control room employees at the reactors are also a concern.

Russian soldiers have subjected them to harsh interrogations, including torture with electrical shocks, suspecting them of sabotage or of informing the Ukrainian military about activities at the plant, Orlov said. About a dozen have vanished after being abducted, he said.

The site is in a nuclear regulatory limbo.

The Russian military controls the plant, but Ukrainian engineers operate it. The Russians allow Ukrainian truck convoys across the front line with spare parts and chemicals needed to process cooling

Ukrainian nuclear regulators also cross the front to visit the plant. Rosatom, the Russian state nuclear company, has sent about a dozen engineers to monitor its operation.

# Search is on for remnants of war in Ukraine

Combat debris finds use as trophies, art media, fundraisers

**By Jeffrey Gettleman** The New York Times

KYIV, Ukraine — When Ihor Sumliennyi, an environmental activist, arrived at the site of a recent missile strike, the rubble had barely stopped smoking.

Police officers guarded the street. People who had lived in the smashed apartment building stared in disbelief, some making the sign of the cross next to him. He started poking around.

And then, bam! His eyes lit up.

Right in front of him, lying near the sidewalk, was what he was looking for: a mangled chunk of shrapnel, a piece of the Russian cruise missile that had slammed into the building.

He scooped it up, pricking himself in the process on the jagged steel edges, stuffed it in his backpack and briskly walked the hour home — "I didn't want the police to stop me and think I was a terror-

That ugly chunk of steel has now become the star of his "war trophies" collection, which spans everything from ammunition tins and a used rocket-propelled grenade shaft to a pair of black Russian boots he found in Bucha, a battered suburb of Kyiv.

"Those have really bad energy," he said.

It might seem eccentric, even macabre, to collect war debris like this. But Sumliennyi isn't the only one.

Across Ukraine, many civilians and soldiers are foraging for shrapnel pieces, mortar fins, spent bullet casings and bits of bombs.

Ukrainian artists are weaving them into their work. Auction houses are moving discarded pieces of weapons and other battlefield finds, raising thousands of dollars for Ukrainian soldiers. One woman is even



Ihor Sumliennyi, left, and friends search for Russian war debris July 16 in Kyiv, Ukraine. LAURA BOUSHNAK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

making sculptures from the uniforms of dead Russians. It clearly speaks to something bigger.

So many Ukrainians want to be on the front lines — or to somehow feel connected to the cause even if they are far from the fighting or don't see themselves as cut out for combat. With patriotism cresting and their country's existence at stake, they are seeking out something tangible they can hold in their hands that represents this enormous, overwhelming moment. They crave

"Each piece has a story," said Serhii Petrov, a wellknown artist working in Lviv. in western Ukraine. He's now incorporating spent bullet cartridges into

their own little piece of

the masks he makes. As he handled one, he mused, "Maybe it was someone's last bullet."

At a charity auction in Lviv on Sunday, Valentyn Lapotkov, a computer programmer, paid more than \$500 for an empty missile tube that had been used, the auctioneers said, to blow up a Russian armored personnel carrier. He said that when he touched it he felt "close to our heroes."

Memorializing the war, even when it's likely far from over, is a way to show solidarity with the soldiers and those who have suffered. One of Kyiv's biggest museums recently staged an exhibition of war artifacts collected since the Russians invaded in February. The rooms are full of gas masks, missile tubes and charred

The message is clear: See, this is what real war really looks like.

On a personal level, Sumli-

ennyi, 31, is doing something similar. He is an auditor by training but a climate justice activist by heart.

From Kyiv, he works with Greta Thunberg's Fridays for Future movement, organizing social media campaigns against fossil fuels, and during the hundreds of video calls he makes, he shows off his war trophies. He also sends some out of the country with female activists to "go on tour" (he can't travel himself, because of Ukraine's ban on military-age men leaving the country).

"It's very interesting," explained Sumliennyi, who is tall and lean and lives in a tiny apartment with his mother. "You don't feel the war through television or the news. But if you show people these pieces, they

That's what one young

Polish woman said after Sumliennyi leaned out of the

frame during a video call and

returned with his trophies.

"It was mind-blowing," said Dominika Lasota, a climate justice activist from Warsaw. "I automatically started to laugh at it, in shock, but then realized how dystopian this moment was.'

"Ihor seemed to be all chill about it," she added of Sumliennyi. "He actually showed that piece of the bomb with pride — he was smiling."

It's a coping mechanism, he explained.

"Without black humor, we can't live in the war," he

Still, he and his friends handle the war objects carefully, solemnly.

When I touch this," he said of the missile piece he recovered in April, "I feel really bad energy in my

He said he had spoken to weapons experts and determined the 5-pound chunk was part of the tail of a Russian Kalibr cruise missile.

fingers."

In Lviv, Tetiana Okhten helps run the UAID foundation, a volunteer network that, among the many things it's doing, has sold more than 15 pieces of war debris, including several missile and rocket tubes that are big hits. All told, the war debris has netted more than \$4,000, which the foundation spends on protective vests, medicine and other supplies for Ukrainian troops.

"We are taking things used to kill people to now save lives," she said.

She said that one young Ukrainian soldier fighting in the Donbas region has been a huge help in finding things from the front lines. He has jumped out of trenches even as shells were exploding around him and fellow soldiers were yelling to take cover. But, she said, he yells back, "I have to go. My friends need this stuff!"

In front-line areas, some shellshocked residents were surprised to learn that pieces of war debris were becoming collectors' items.

"That's crazy," said Vova Hurzhyi, who lives in a Donbas town that the Russians keep attacking. "This stuff is coming here to kill you."

Still, Sumliennyi keeps hunting.

A few weeks ago, he and some environmentalist friends drove to Bucha, where Russian troops slaughtered hundreds of civilians, to take photos for a social media campaign about the connection between fossil fuels and Russia's war machine.

Just by chance, they stumbled into a backyard where they found a Russian military jacket and the pair of black boots. They remain among his prized items.

"We didn't go to Bucha looking for this," he said. "We just got lucky."

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**NEWS BRIEFING** 

# US Rep. Walorski and 3 others killed in Ind. car crash, police say

From news services

WASHINGTON -Republican U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski was killed Wednesday in a car crash in her northern Indiana district along with two members of her congressional staff and another person, police said.

The crash happened about 12:30 p.m. when a car crossed the center line on a state highway and collided head-on with the SUV Walorski was riding in,



Three people in the SUV, including Walorski, were killed, as

was a woman driving the other car, authorities said.

Walorski, who served on the House Ways and Means Committee, was first elected to represent Indiana's 2nd Congressional District in 2012. She previously served six years in the state's Legislature.

"Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers," Walorski's chief of staff Tim Cummings said in a state-

Walorski and her husband were previously Christian missionaries in Romania, where they established a foundation that provided food and medical supplies to impoverished children. She worked as a television news reporter in South Bend before turning to politics.

Also killed in the crash were Zachery Potts, 27, of Mishawaka, Indiana; Emma Thomson, 28, of Washington, D.C.; and Edith Schmucker, 56, of Nappanee, Indiana, according to the sheriff's office.

Cummings confirmed that Potts and Thomson

were members of Walorski's congressional staff. Thomson was Walorski's communications director, while Potts was her district director and the Republican chairman for northern Indiana's St. Joseph County.

Schmucker was driving the other car, according to the sheriff's office. The crash, which occurred near the town of Wakarusa, is still under investigation.

Pelosi in Taiwan: After weeks of silence before a high-stakes visit to Taiwan, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was anything but understated Wednesday during a day of high-profile meetings, in which she offered support for Taiwan and irked China.

Pelosi, D-Calif., met with Taiwanese lawmakers and then with Taiwan's president, Tsai Ing-wen, offering assurances of U.S. support for the island democracy that China claims as its own during a whirlwind day of events.

In her wake, she left a crisis, setting the stage for new brinkmanship between China and the U.S. over power and influence in Asia. Taiwan is bracing for Beijing to begin live-fire military drills Thursday.

Pelosi's husband pleads: The husband of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., pleaded not guilty Wednesday to misdemeanor driving under the influence charges related to a May crash in Northern California wine country.

Paul Pelosi, 82, did not appear in person at Napa County Superior Court. His attorney, Amanda Bevins, entered not guilty pleas on his behalf on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury and driving with a .08% blood alcohol level or higher causing injury.

Paul Pelosi was arrested



Iceland volcano: People watch as lava flows Wednesday near the Fagradalsfjall volcano about 20 miles southwest of the capital city of Reykjavik. The spew came eight months after its last eruption officially ended. An eruption in the same area in 2021 produced lava flows for several months, drawing hundred of thousands of people to the region. JEREMIE RICHARD/GETTY-AFP

following a May 28 crash in Napa County, north of San Francisco, after a DUI test showed he had a blood alcohol content of 082% He was released on \$5,000 bail.

If convicted, Pelosi faces up to a minimum of five days in jail and up to five years of probation.

Britain politics: Britain's governing Conservative Party said Wednesday that it has delayed sending out ballots for the party's leadership election after a warning from the U.K. intelligence services about the risk of fraud.

Ballots had been due to be mailed out this week to about 180,000 party members, who are selecting a new leader for the party and the country.

The party said it decided to "enhance security" on the advice of the National Cyber Security Center, part of U.K. electronic spy agency

The party's intention was to let members vote online or by mail, with an option to change the vote up until Sept. 2. It now says each member will get a unique code that allows one, unchangeable vote, either online or by post.

Tory members are choosing between Foreign Secretary Liz Truss and former Treasury chief Rishi Sunak to replace Prime Minister Boris Johnson. The winner will be announced Sept. 5.

Abducted girl: A man accused of abducting a 12-year-old who escaped by chewing her way out of restraints after a week in captivity at a rural mobile home in Alabama was charged with killing a woman and juvenile found dismembered inside the residence, authorities said Wednesday.

Already charged with first-degree kidnapping in connection with the girl, Jose Paulino Pascual-Reyes, 37, also was charged with capital murder and corpse abuse in the deaths of a woman and a boy who were found inside the mobile home in central Alabama, according to Tallapoosa County Sheriff Jimmy Abbett and court documents

The woman, identified as Sandra Vazquez Ceja, was smothered with a pillow and the boy, identified only by initials, was hit and kicked to death, documents showed. Both bodies were cut into small pieces to hide evidence.

Authorities haven't released information about the surviving girl, a motive or whether any of the victims and Pascual-Reves were related.

**Election worker threats:** The Justice Department has charged five people for making threats of violence against election workers amid a rising wave of harassment and intimidation tied to the 2020 presidential election, a top official told U.S. senators Wednesday.

Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Polite said one charge has led to a conviction so far through a task force launched last year as reports of threats to election officials, workers and volunteers raised concerns about safety and the security of future elections.

Overall, the department has investigated over 1,000 harassing and threatening messages directed at election workers. Roughly 100 of those have risen to the level of potential prosecution.

Polite estimated at least three more people have been charged for such threats at the state level.

Water shortage: The Dutch government declared a national water shortage Wednesday caused by the hot, dry summer that is parching much of Europe, and formed a national team to draw up measures to manage supplies, while asking the public to help. Very little rain has fallen

in the Netherlands over the summer, and dry conditions further north and east in Europe mean less water is streaming into the country in rivers.



where temperatures are soaring after massive flooding last week. BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

# In flood-ravaged Appalachia, less searching, more supplies

**By Bruce Schreiner** and Brynn Anderson Associated Press

HINDMAN, Ky. - For days, a search-and-rescue team led by Phillip Dix has combed debris-clogged creek banks looking for survivors in flood-ravaged eastern Kentucky. His crew is used to the stifling heat and humidity but is laboring under the grind of 12-hour days spent pulling people

from danger. The scope of the devastation and the conversations with people who lost everything keeps the rescuers going, said Dix, who leads the Memphis, Tennessee-based team.

"It's a job to us, but talking to the local people, that kind of brings it down to the human level, which our guys have to deal with," Dix said Wednesday. "You can't just turn that switch off when you're talking to someone who's lost everything they had."

Nearly a week since floodwaters consumed parts of Appalachia, rescue missions were winding down while supplies continued pouring into what looms as a massive relief effort for

people whose homes were destroyed. Some escaped with only the clothes on their backs.

The first round of expenditures from a relief fund opened by Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear were being distributed Wednesday. The money will pay the funeral

expenses of flood victims.
"The least we can do is grieve together," the governor said during a briefing Wednesday. "And seven days out, these funerals are about to start."

The statewide death toll remains at 37, Beshear said. Meanwhile, tempera-

tures were soaring Wednesday as people continued shoveling out from the wreckage. The rising heat and humidity meant heat index values near 100 by midday, a steam bath that will continue through Thursday evening, the National Weather Service

"The guys are tired," Dix said from Knott County, where his crew resumed their mission on foot and boats. "So you've got to watch them, make sure they're hydrated more than

usual." Dix's team rescued 16 people during one two-day stretch, he said. Those rescued had no cell service, no electricity, no way to get through the high water and some were running short of

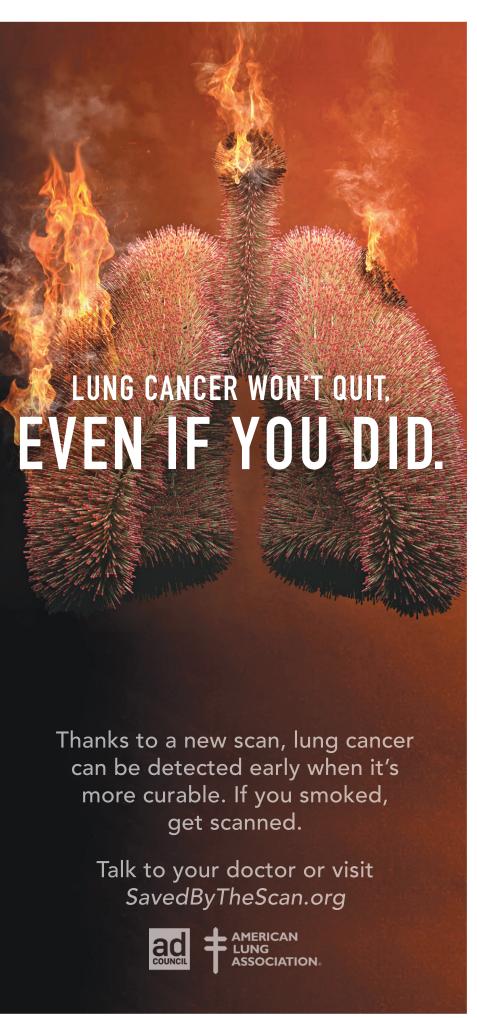
More than 1,300 people have been rescued, and crews were still trying to reach some people who remain cut off by floods or mudslides. About 5,000 customers still lacked electricity in eastern Kentucky, the governor said. Emergency shelters and area state parks housed hundreds of residents who had homes destroyed or damaged.

More than 400 National Guardsmen have been deployed across the disaster area, delivering water and other relief.

Infrastructure also took a pounding from the floodwaters. Water systems sustained heavy damage, and some roads and bridges were "eaten away" by floodwaters, the governor said.

"It's going to take significant time and significant dollars to restore what was destroyed." he said.

The historic flooding also hit areas just across the state line in Virginia and West Virginia.









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# CONNECTICUT

# Judge rejects Hrezi's candidacy challenge

Loses 2nd bid in attempt to end Larson's 23-year grip on 1st Congressional District seat

By Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

A judge has again ruled against would-be congressional candidate Muad Hrezi's challenge of the state primary election process, effectively killing the liberal Democrat's effort to challenge incumbent Congressman John Larson's 23-year hold on the state's First District seat.

Superior Court Judge Cesar Noble, in a 50-page decision released Tuesday, rejected Hrezi's claims that he was illegally denied the

opportunity to primary Larson because strict enforcement of ballot access laws during the COVID-19 pandemic, combined



in the petitioning process by appearing in person to pick up petition forms rather than waiting for the Secretary of the State's office to email them to him.

tion signatures.

with mistakes by election

officials, prevented his

campaign from collecting the required number of peti-

The court first ruled against Hrezi in June, saying

he could have avoided delay

The judge also noted: "In the present case, Herzi was aware of the signature requirement for getting on the ballot, and Hrezi realized before the convention that it was going to be nearly impossible to get enough support at the convention."

"Despite having time to prepare for the signature collection, which was to commence on April 26, 2022, the campaign did not start recruiting its fellows on Twitter until April 21, 2022, and the campaign

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# Sewage plants get \$580M for upgrades

Climate change has put strain on century-old treatment facilities

**By Susan Dunne** Hartford Courant

Wastewater treatment facilities in several Connecticut municipalities, which are more than a century old and are strained beyond their capacity partially because of climate change, will get major upgrades in a \$580 million funding round announced by Gov. Ned Lamont.

Scheduled for upgrades, improvements and maintenance are the Metropolitan District in Hartford; the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority; Norwich Public Utilities; the City of Bridgeport; and water-processing authorities in Litchfield, Plainfield and Ridgefield.

'Connecticut has some really old cities with combined sewer systems meant to convey domestic sewage as well as storm water. A hundred-some-odd years later, the system pipes built for that purpose don't meet current needs," said Nisha Patel, director of Water Planning and Management for the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

The two-year projects are financed by state and federal Clean Water Funds, which include \$507 million from the state and \$73 million from the federal government. The federal funding was augmented by the recently adopted Bipartisan Infra-

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# Yale doctor: Many cancers are linked to body weight

By Ed Stannard Hartford Courant

As rates of obesity rise, aided by the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk of cancer also is increasing, according to Dr. Eric Winer, director of the Yale Cancer Center.

Obesity has increased markedly in the past few years, and has only gotten worse during the pandemic, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

In the 20 years before the pandemic began, it rose from 30.5 to 41.9 percent of the population, according to the CDC, and severe obesity increased from 4.7 to 9.2 percent.

A CDC study of more than 400,000 young people ages 2 to 19 from Jan. 1, 2018, to Nov. 30, 2020, showed the rate of increase in body mass index doubled once the pandemic began.

Excess body weight is associated with more cancers and in two ways," said Winer,

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Bicyclist Ben Grannis is leaving in late August to continue his solo bicycle ride across the country to raise money for the organization TextLess Live More. BEN GRANNIS PHOTOS

# CYCLIST'S WILL

Knee injury was no match in desire to curb distracted driving — on the Connecticut native's 10,000-mile ride

By Pam McLoughlin | Hartford Courant

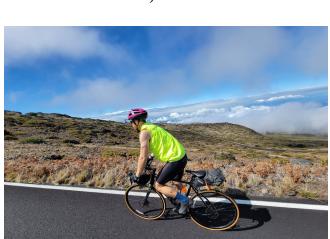
Bicyclist Ben Grannis isn't going to let a knee injury ground him in the quest to finish his 10,000-mile fundraising "Eyes Up Ride" across the country.

Grannis, 27, started the ride in the fall to benefit a cause close to his heart — the nonprofit TextLess Live More.

The organization raises awareness of distracted driving — in part by teaching teens to separate from their phones and was created by friends of cyclist, Merritt Levitan, who was killed in broad daylight by a texting driver in 2013.

Grannis didn't know Levitan, but he knows about what happened because he's both a trip leader and logistics coordinator at Overland Summer, a camping adventure business Levitan was attending at the time of the accident.

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# Beaches, barbecues and — banking?



M&T Bank will merge computer systems with People's United Bank over Labor Day weekend. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

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7 things to know about People's United Bank accounts moving to M&T over Labor Day holiday

By Kenneth R. Gosselin Hartford Courant

The long Labor Day weekend is usually a time for backyard barbecues and beach outings, but for hundreds of thousands of People's United Bank customers in Connecticut it also will mean planning for three days without online or mobile banking.

Those popular services will be shut down from 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2 until Tuesday, Sept. 6, as People's United accounts are moved to the computer systems of Buffalo-based M&T Bank. M&T acquired Bridgeport-based People's United in April for \$8.3

People's United branches also will be closed throughout the Labor Day weekend, but People's United customers will have access to cash at ATMs throughout the weekend. M&T debit cards will be mailed

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# Hamden officer killed in crash 2 days after retiring

By Mike Mavredakis Hartford Courant

A recently retired Hamden police officer was killed in a motor vehicle accident Tuesday, according to police.

Officer Michael Pantera was killed in a North Branford crash just two days after his retirement Sunday, police said.

He was a member of the Hamden Police Department for 24 years. The department said he cared deeply about the community and served the town with "honor and distinction."

"He was always ready to lend a hand or volunteer to help an Officer or community member," Acting Chief Timothy Wydra said in a statement. "We mourn his loss and remember him as a genuine, loyal, hardworking, and kind-hearted person who touched everyone he met."

Wydra said Pantera was "very proud to serve in the town where he was raised" and he still had family living in Hamden.

The department and Wydra offered their condolences to the family.

"As a member of the Community Police Division and Bicycle Patrol Unit, Officer Pantera represented the best of our police department with many close and friendly interactions with our residents," Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett said.

Garrett ordered all flags to be lowered to half-staff in town.



Michael Pantera died in a vehicle crash Tuesday, two days after his retirement. HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Hartford shooting on Bond Street

Two injured in

By Mike Mavredakis Hartford Courant

Two men were injured in a shooting on Bond Street just before midnight Tuesday, according to Hartford Police.

Police responded to the area of Wethersfield Avenue and Bond Street for two ShotSpotter activations Tuesday. They reportedly found evidence of gunfire on Bond Street.

While on the scene, two men in their 20s arrived at a local hospital. The first was listed in critical, but stable condition and the second's injuries are not considered life-threatening, police said.

The shooting is under investigation and anyone with information is asked to call the Hartford Police Department tip line at 860-722-8477.

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to People's United customers two to four weeks before "conversion weekend," and can be used beginning Saturday, Sept. 3. Credit cards can also be used without interruption.

In a statement Wednesday, M&T said it was committed to making the conversion as seamless as possible for customers and working to get mobile and online banking up-and-running as soon as possible.

"As is standard with these types of conversations, online and mobile banking services will be temporarily offline to ensure customer information is moved safely and accurately between systems," the statement

M&T said its call centers would be open for questions from customers during the conversion.

A lot will be riding on a smooth transition for M&T. With the exception of a handful of branches in Fairfield County previously, M&T is a new name to most of Connecticut, and M&T has acquired one of the largest Connecticut-based banks.

A big attraction for the acquiring bank in mergers are scooping up huge pools of existing customers. But the challenge is holding on to them and making a favorable first impression in combining systems is considered crucial.

Here are seven things to know about the transition of online and mobile banking accounts, plus other changes:

# 1. Know your security information.

People's United customers should know their current user ID and password, plus confirm that contact information is up-to-date. M&T also advises saving or printing People's United online statements and documents because they will no longer be accessible after the conversion.

# 2. Watch your email.

An email will outline the steps for logging into M&T online and mobile banking for the first time on Sept. 6. Customers will use their People's United user ID and password. One note: M&T uses the term "passcode" but it means the same as "password." M&T encourages former People's United customers to log in and verify information.

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of the July 17 letter was Lori Price.

Due to an editing error, a letter in Tuesday's edition of the

Courant incorrectly identified a person who had written a

July 17 letter to which the Aug. 2 letter referred. The writer

# Check your online or mobile bill paying.

The list of creditors and scheduled bill payments will be automatically transferred from People's United to M&T if they are linked to a checking account, or if customers have logged into People's United online or mobile banking in the last 18 months. There are some exceptions, including bill payments from savings accounts or other "unsupported" accounts; bill payments funded from a business account: and bill payments to an international creditor, among other exceptions.

Customers should also verify all creditors and scheduled payments transferred successfully.

More information on mobile and online banking can be found at www3.mtb. com/homepage/about-us/welcome-to-mandt/peoples-united/mobile-and-online-resource-center-personal.

# 4. Be aware of lower mobile check deposit limits.

Daily mobile check deposit limits will be lower at M&T than previously established by People's United. The new limits can be seen by logging into the mobile banking app or online banking.

# 5. Take note of new account numbers.

M&T is migrating People's United checking and savings accounts to similar M&T accounts. The account numbers will be mailed to account holders. One note: customers should take note of any changes in monthly maintenance fees if a certain minimum balance is not kept in the account. Some of the monthly fees may be waived immediately following the conversion.

# 6. Get familiar with changes in debit cards.

The ability to limit card spending by transaction type, merchant type, location or dollar limit will not be available for M&T accounts.

# 7. Watch the mail and look online for more information.

"Welcome Packets" have begun arriving in the mail and more information is available on M&T's website. In advance of the conversion, customers with questions can call their local branch during business hours or 1-800-724-2440.

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In recent years, untreated sewage has seeped into rivers and streams and the Long Island Sound as a result of system inadequacies, Patel said. This causes unhealthy conditions for people—leading to closure

the water.

DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes said

of swimming areas — and

for the wildlife in and near

water-treatment staff in Meriden, whose facilities got funding for upgrades in 2019, "talked about seeing fish in the river for the first time."

Dykes said accelerating climate change is to blame for the increasingly extreme weather that overburdens the treatment systems.

"These challenges of raw sewage entering waterways during intense rainstorms are becoming more pressing as climate change accelerates," Dykes said. "People think of climate change as sea level rises and coastal issues. It is also affecting inland communities."

A total of 18 upgrade

projects in those municipalities will be supported by the funding. All the projects are ready to begin now, said Dykes. "This is a major job creator," she said.

Patel said the contamination of waterways doesn't involve drinking-water systems, but is nonetheless essential to the quality of life in the state, for people and animals.

"You're not drinking directly out of rivers or Long Island Sound. ... But all water is connected," she said. "We need to make sure the water flowing through rivers, streams and the sound can support diverse wildlife species. They are part of our overall environment and it's critical to maintain quality to meet that need."

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did not advertise for paid petitioners on ZipRecruiter, Indeed, and Handshake until April 26, 2022, and the campaign did not advertise for high school volunteers until May 2, 2022," the judge wrote.

"Even if Hrezi's testimony were to be accepted, which it is not, that he was told (the Secretary of the State's office) would email him the petition forms, they were nevertheless available for him to receive," the judge wrote. "(State election law) does not mandate delivery of the petition forms, only their availability."

Hrezi also challenged what he called the state's overly restrictive ballot access laws. The court ruled against him on that question Tuesday.

Hrezi, of East Hartford, called the ruling against him "a blow to democracy."

"Our democracy's at a critical juncture," he said. "We should be fighting to expand ballot access and voter choice, not upholding laws that restrict it.

"These laws hurt us all because they stifle competition and the debate of ideas," Hrezi said. "I'm committed to shining light on this significant threat to our democracy, as a candidate or otherwise. We're evaluating our appellate options in light of the court's decision."

Hrezi, a former policy adviser to U.S. Sen. Chris

Murphy, D-Conn., has endorsements from, among others, Sunrise Movement CT, Black Lives Matter 860, and the Free Puerto Rico Initiative.

"I believe in the promise of America. That no matter our creed or color, we should all be treated justly, be able to provide for our families, and be able to give our kids a real shot at a better life," his campaign website says. "It's what all Americans want, and it's why my parents immigrated to the United States."

Following the court ruling, the Larson campaign said, in a statement, "Once again, the court has firmly ruled against Mr. Hrezi's ill-founded challenge. This November will be one of the most consequential elections of our lifetime and now is the time for Democrats to join together and stand united."

"Congressman Larson's focus remains on lowering the cost of living for struggling Americans, fighting for reproductive rights and bodily autonomy, enhancing and expanding Social Security for our seniors, and, crucially, helping other Democrats get elected across the state and nation," the campaign statement said.

Hrezi sued after failing to win sufficient support at the state Democratic convention in May to primary Larson, an East Hartford moderate and senior member of the U.S. House. Larson won the party nomination.

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Since then, he's become friends with her family through other group fundraising endeavors.

Levitan's dad, Rich Levitan, CEO of TextLess Live More, said Grannis is "an incredible young man," and "genuine." "He took it upon

himself to do this (solo fundraising ride)," Levitan said. "He's been pretty passionate about what TextLess Live More is doing. He's a really genuine and thoughtful person committed to trying to make a difference."

Levitan said Text-

Less Live More is a peer-to-peer awareness and education program which in part teaches teenagers to separate from their phones.

Grannis originally

Grannis, originally from Ridgefield, said the ride isn't about "performing some incredible physical feat in a record setting amount of time."

"My goal is to raise money for an incredible organization, TextLess Live More, raise awareness of and promote a life without the distractions and noise that fill our lives entirely," Grannis wrote in a blog. "My goal is to help people gain and strengthen their awareness of the distractions in our lives so they know when to step away and look up from their

phones and just bask in the beauty of it all." Grannis became a seri-

ous bicyclist in 2018 after graduating from Kenyon College with a degree in economics. He worked in the corporate world for nine months and didn't like the experience. Grannis had planned

to do the entire 10,000 miles at once when he set out in the fall of 2021, but he developed a knee problem from overuse. He said the injury never called for miniscus or ligament care.

So he took a break from the ride, worked at camp this summer and will resume the ride in late August.

To date the fundraising has gone so well that he raised the goal to raising \$50,000. He is now at \$38,000.

He knew about

Merritt and the cause in her memory and later became friends with the family.

"They responded with love and compassion. Not anger," Grannis said of her family. "I wanted something to work for to make my riding a little more meaningful."

Merritt is remembered on the TextLess Live More website as an accomplished 18-yearold who loved to ski, hike and bike.

She suffered a traumatic brain injury when she was hit in July 2013 and died the next day.

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who also is physician-inchief of Smilow Cancer Hospital. "It both increase the incidence and once you have it, it decreases survival. If you are an overweight person with cancer ... your chances of surviving that cancer are somewhat decreased."

Many cancers are associated with body weight, including breast, endometrial, ovarian, pancreatic, colon and kidney cancers, Winer said.

"I think obesity is going

to be our major challenge in terms of preventing cancer," he said.

The main reason, Winer said, is that obesity increases inflammation in the body, which is a risk factor for cancer. But, according to another

study, don't expect to lose weight by simply dieting or exercising. A healthy diet must be combined with exercise to lose weight effectively. Rigorous exercise and an unhealthful diet will not do it. The study of 346,627 people in the U.K. Biobank was published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine.

"The study was very clear about this," Winer said. "You can't exercise and then eat a bad diet because if you do that's it's not going to help. You can't go exercise and then go eat a Big Mac."

"They appear to be independent factors," Winer said. "Whatever is negative about bad eating does not seem to be fixed by exercising."

You also can't eat a healthful diet with fewer calories and expect to lose weight if you don't exercise, the study said. Winer said 30 minutes of moderate exercise five days a week is sufficient. "That seems pretty reasonable," he said. "It's a very large study

and it looks like they're acting independently in decreasing cancer incidence if you eat a good diet and you exercise," he said.

Winer took up both posts Feb. 1, succeeding Dr. Charles Fuchs, who is now senior vice president and global head of oncology and hematology drug development at Genentech and Roche.

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### **EXPLAINER**

# Is Alex Jones' defamation trial about First Amendment rights?

**By Michael Tarm** Associated Press

CHICAGO — Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones arrived at a Texas courthouse for his defamation trial for calling the Sandy Hook Elementary School attack a hoax with the words "Save the 1st" scrawled on tape covering his mouth.

Although Jones portrays the lawsuit against him as an assault on the First Amendment, the parents who sued him say his statements were so malicious and obviously false that they fell well outside the bounds of speech protected by the constitutional clause.

The ongoing trial in Austin, which is where Jones' far-right Infowars website and its parent company are based, stems from a 2018 lawsuit brought by Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, whose 6-year-old son was killed in the 2012 attack along with 19 other first graders and six educators.

Jones is expected to testify Tuesday in his own defense.

Here's a look at how the case relates to the First Amendment:

**Are all defamation lawsuits first amendment cases?** They are. Defamation laws evolved through decades of U.S. Supreme Court rulings on what is and isn't protected speech.

Typically, the first question jurors answer at trials is whether the speech qualifies as unprotected defamation. If it does, they address the question of damages.

Jones' trial largely skipped the first question and went straight to the second. From the start, it focused not on whether Jones must pay damages, but how much.

Why is his trial different? Jones seemed to sabotage his own chance to fully argue that his speech was protected by not complying with orders to hand over critical evidence, such as emails, which the parents hoped would prove he knew all along that his statements were false.

That led exasperated Judge Maya Guerra Gamble to enter a rare default judgment, declaring the parents winners before the trial even began.

Judges in other lawsuits against Jones have issued similar rulings.

"I don't know why they didn't cooperate," said Stephen D. Solomon, a founding editor of New York University's First Amendment Watch. "It is just really peculiar. ... It's so odd to not even give yourself the chance to defend yourself."

It might suggest Jones knew certain evidence would doom his defense.

his team did not think they had a viable defense ... or they would have complied," said Barry Covert, a Buffalo, New York, First Amendment lawyer.

Have both sides referred to the first amendment? Yes. During opening statements last week, plaintiffs' lawyer Mark Bankston told jurors it doesn't protect defamatory speech.

"Speech is free," he said, "but lies you have to pay for."

Jones' lawyer Andino Reynal said the case is crucial to free speech.

And Jones made similar arguments in a deposition.

"If questioning public events and free speech is banned because it might hurt somebody's feelings, we are not in America anymore," he said.

Jones, who had said actors staged the shooting as a pretext to strengthen gun control, later acknowledged it occurred.

What are key elements of defamation? Defamation must involve someone making a false statement of fact publicly — typically via the media — and purporting that it's true. An opinion can't be defamatory. The statement also must have done actual damage to someone's reputation.

The parents suing Jones say his lies about their child's death harmed their reputations and led to death threats from Jones' followers.

**Is it easier for non-public figures to prove defamation?** Yes. They must merely show a false statement was made carelessly.

In New York Times v. Sullivan in 1964, the Supreme Court said the bar for public figures must be higher because scrutiny of them is so vital to democracy. They must prove "actual malice," that a false statement was made "with knowledge that it was false or with reckless disregard of whether it was false or not."

Are the parents public figures? Their lawyers say they clearly aren't in the category of politicians or celebrities who stepped voluntarily into the public arena.

The high court, however, has said those who temporarily enter public debates can become temporary public figures.

Jones argues that Heslin did just that, entering the national debate over guns by advocating for tougher gun laws on TV and before Congress.

What damages are being sought? The plaintiffs are seeking \$150 million for emotional

"It is reasonable to presume that (Jones) and distress, as well as reputational and punitive steam did not think they had a viable defense damages.

Reynal told jurors that his client has been punished enough, losing millions of dollars being booted off major social media platforms.

He asked them to award the plaintiffs \$1.

Can first amendment issues influence the trial's outcome? Indirectly, yes.

Jones can't argue that he's not liable for damages on the grounds that his speech was protected. The judge already ruled he is liable. But as a way to limit damages, his lawyers can argue that his speech was protected.

argue that his speech was protected.

"Jurors could say (Jones' defamatory statements) is actually something we don't want to punish very hard," said Kevin Goldberg, a First Amendment specialist at the Maryland-based Freedom Forum.

Could jones have won if the trial was all about free speech? He could have contended that his statements were hyperbolic opinion — that wild, non-factual exaggeration is his schtick.

But it would have been tough to persuade jurors that he was merely riffing and opining.

"It was a verifiable fact the massacre occurred at Sandy Hook," said Solomon. "That's not opinion. It is a fact." Even if the parents were deemed public figures, imposing the higher standard, "I think Alex Jones would still lose," he said.

But Covert said defamation is always a challenge to prove.

"I wouldn't discount the possibility Jones could have prevailed," he said. "Trying to speculate what a jury would find is always a fool's errand."

Might the supreme court be sympathetic to any jones appeal? Conservatives and liberal justices have found that some deeply offensive speech is protected.

In 2011, the high court voted 8-to-1 to overturn a verdict against the Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church for picketing military funerals with signs declaring that God hates the U.S. for tolerating homosexuality.

"As a Nation we have chosen ... to protect even hurtful speech ... to ensure that we do not stifle public debate," the ruling said.

But it and the Jones case have key differences. "The were both extreme, outrageous, shocking, deplorable. But the Westboro Baptist Church was also manifestly political and not defamatory ... not about any one person's reputation" Goldberg said.

He added: "I'd be shocked if (Jones') case ever ended up in the Supreme Court."

# Workforce office lands \$24M grant

By Erica E. Phillips CT Mirror

The Connecticut Office of Workforce Strategy will receive \$24 million in federal funding to expand job training programs that have struggled to meet demand amid a shortage of skilled workers in the state

The OWS was one of 32 recipients selected for the Commerce Department's \$500 million "Good Jobs Challenge" program, funded through the American Rescue Plan and administered by Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

The grant comes on top of an earlier \$70 million in American Rescue Plan funding, which the state allocated to create Career-ConneCT, a short-term training program aimed at workers displaced by the pandemic. Launched earlier this year, CareerConneCT quickly drew more than \$250 million in grant applications — well above its \$70 million budget.

"This is another significant grant for us to be able to continue our workforce efforts," said Max Reiss, a spokesman for Gov. Ned Lamont.

Reiss said the grant will be used in a "targeted" way, to boost skills and help people struggling to return to the workforce. The funding will go toward training for the manufacturing, health care, information technology and biomedical sectors.

"This could be significant for as many as 2,000 people to get a strong foothold in one of these sectors," Reiss said.

The application was highly competitive. More than 500 programs applied for the Good Jobs Challenge grant, which is expected to create a total of 50,000 jobs across 31 states.

On Wednesday, Gov. Ned Lamont was slated to announce a new \$35 million workforce training program targeting the health care sector, also funded in part with American Rescue Plan money.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room located at 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook and via

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to hear the following:

22/23-1 Anna Kanaras seeks a variance of Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage/20% allowed/22.49% proposed) and Par 24.5.1 (street line setback/25' and Par 24.5.1 (street line setback/ 25 required/9.3 proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of an 80 s.f. front landing and an 816 s.f. detached garage at 2 Obed Trail, Map 19/Lot 306, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone

22/23-2C Shannon Tatman & Tamara Wasserman seek a variance of Par 68.1.2B9, (tidal wetlands setback/50' required/34' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 450 s.f. pool at 228 Maple Avenue, Map 7/Lot 99, Residence AA-2 District, Coastal Area Management Zone, AE-11 Flood Zone. Flood Zone.

22/23-3C Gina Kolb seeks a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage Gateway Conservation Zone/15% allowed/20.04% proposed); and Par. 58.2 & Par 58.6 (Gateway and Par. 58.2 & Par 58.6 (Gateway riparian buffer & structure setback/100' required/all activity within 100' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 437 s.f. pool and hot tub and an 80 s.f. 2nd story deck at 5 Lighthouse Lane, Map 23/ Lot 77-4, Residence A District, Gateway Conservation Zone, Coastal Area Management Zone, AE 10 Flood Zone

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### **Legal Notice of Decision** Town of Killingworth Planning & Zoning Commission

The Killingworth Planning & Zoning

Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 and took the following action:

Approved Special Exception – Substitution of Non-Conforming uses - 26 Chittenden Road, Killingworth. Thomas Lentz, Chairman
Dated at Killingworth, Connecticut this
31st day of July, 2022. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Virginia C. Pierpont (22-0467

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated July 27 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Rosemary L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

Charles E. Pierpont c/o ALAN S PARKER, PULLMAN & COMLEYLLC. 90 STATE HOUSE SOUARE HARTFORD, CT 06103



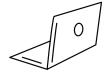
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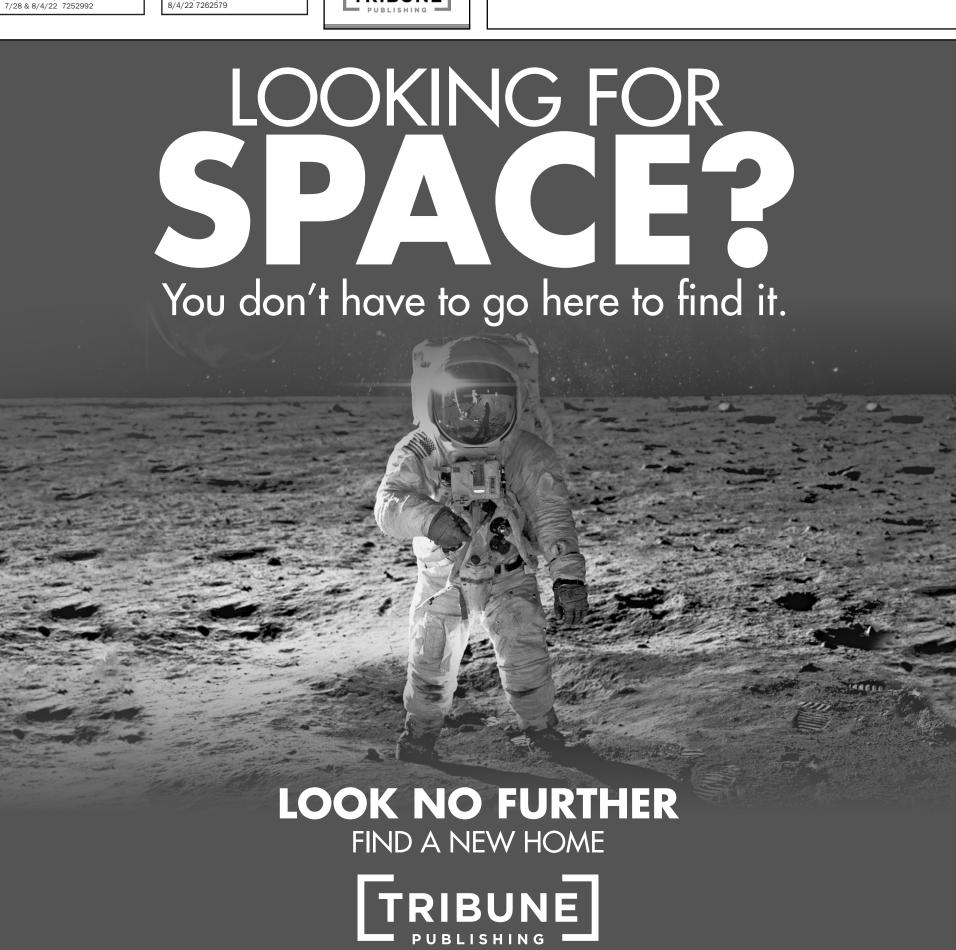
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This Weekend

# BUSINESS

# **OPEC+** decides to slowly increase production of oil

Boost of 100K barrels per day to start in Sept. amid war in Ukraine, high prices

**By Cathy Bussewitz** 

Associated Press

The OPEC oil cartel and its allies decided Wednesday to boost production in September by a much slower pace than in previous months at a time of high gasoline prices and unstable energy supplies exacerbated by Russia's war in Ukraine.

OPEC, led by Saudi Arabia, and its allies, led by Russia, said they will increase output by 100,000 barrels a day next month after raising it by 648,000 barrels per day in July and August. The group considered what effects staggering inflation and rising COVID-19 rates may have on global demand for fuel in the fall.

It comes after President Joe Biden visited Saudi Arabia last month, aiming to improve relations and encourage more oil production from the cartel to draw down high prices at the pump. While gasoline prices have been falling, they are still high and posing a political problem for him as inflation surges.

No oil production agreement was

announced, but Biden said he expected from highs, but "we know that this is not OPEC to take steps to increase production in the coming weeks. Those hopes didn't materialize.

As a result, "the U.S. may go looking for other sources of oil, whether it's Venezuela or Iran," said Jacques Rousseau, managing director at Clearview Energy Partners.

Biden's administration also is encouraging the U.S. oil and gas industry to increase

"You've just seen the second-quarter results from some of these companies. They are record profits," Amos Hochstein, a senior adviser for energy security at the State Department, said Wednesday on CNBC. "They should be investing those dollars right back into production

Despite the modest increase announced by OPEC+, the administration was trying to highlight that prices are already falling and could fall further with more domestic production.

"We're pretty pleased with what we're seeing" on prices for oil and gas down enough," Hochstein said.

A senior Biden administration official said the group has restored all the production cuts it made in 2020 during the depths of the pandemic, when oil prices and demand plummeted.

The group has been gradually adding more oil and gas to the market as economies recovered.

Some OPEC nations, such as Angola and Nigeria, have been producing less than the agreed-upon amount. Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, on the other hand, have the capacity to increase production.

OPEC's decision appears to be an attempt to appease those countries that can't produce more, Rousseau said.

"Any time you increase the target, there's countries that can't participate," he added. 'If you only raise production by 100,000 barrels per day, that's just a small piece for everybody."

As a result, the amount of oil on the market might not keep up with demand, so high oil prices may persist for some time.



A worker cuts down a tree on July 28 in Lviv, Ukraine. Throughout the country and with winter months away, cities and towns are stockpilling wood and manufacturing stoves as Russia chokes off energy supplies across Europe. DIEGO IBARRA SANCHEZ/THE NEW YORK TIMES

# Bracing for a tough winter

As Russia threatens European energy, Ukrainians working hard now to store up supplies

By Liz Alderman The New York Times

LVIV, Ukraine - In a thickly forested park bordered by apartment blocks and a playground, a dozen workers were busy on a recent day with chain saws and axes, felling trees, cutting logs and chopping them into firewood to be stashed in concealed sheds around Lviv, the largest city in west-

Nearby ironworkers are working overtime to produce wood-burning stoves to be stored in strategic locations.

In municipal depots, room is being made to stockpile reserves of coal.

The activity in Lviv is being played out in towns and cities across Ukraine, part of a nationwide effort to amass emergency arsenals of backup fuel and critical provisions as Russia tightens its chokehold on energy supplies across Europe.

As President Vladimir Putin slashes natural gas flows to Ukraine's European allies, the government in Kyiv has accused Russia of also stepping up the destruction of critical infrastructure that provides heat,

water and electricity to millions of homes, businesses and factories.

"All cities are preparing for a hard winter," said Andriy Sadovyi, the mayor of Lviv. where Russian rockets knocked out three electrical substations in April, temporarily cutting power to neighborhoods. "Russia has turned off the gas to our neighbors, and they are trying to pressure us too," he said. "Our goal is survival. We need to be ready.

The urgency escalated after Russia again curtailed gas supplies to Europe last week, leading the European Union to announce it will reduce imports of Russian gas.

Russia turned off the gas taps to Latvia on Saturday, after the government there announced additional military assistance for Ukraine, the latest in a string of European countries to do so.

Ukraine buys its natural gas from European neighbors, so the restriction of deliveries to Europe threatens its access to energy too.

Ukrainians frequently say they hope to defeat Russia by the time the cold weather arrives in October.

But the leadership is also girding for the possibility of a drawn-out conflict in which Russia turns up the pressure by methodically strangling Ukrainians' ability to keep

"We understand that the Russians may continue targeting critical energy infrastructure before and during the winter," said Oleksiy Chernyshov, Ukraine's minister for communities and territories development.

"They've demolished central heating stations in big cities, and physical devastation is still happening nationwide," he said. "We are working to repair damage, but it doesn't mean we won't have more.'

Far from Ukraine's embattled southeastern front, the campaign is being waged in forests and forges, at gas storage sites and electrical stations, and even in basement boiler rooms, as the government mobilizes regions to activate a blueprint for amassing fuel and shelter.

Hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of firewood is being cut in forests around the country, Yuriy Bolokhovets, the head of Ukraine's forest agency, said in a statement.

Under the government's plan, so-called mobile heating units would be set up in cities of up to 200,000 people where shelling has cut heat or electricity, to help residents cope with outages until damaged infrastructure can be fixed.

In an unlikely twist, the war has left Ukraine with an electricity surplus after millions of people fled the country and economic activity slowed.

# Lawmakers propose bill for crypto oversight

By Fatima Hussein and Ken Sweet Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan group of senators on Wednesday proposed a bill to regulate cryptocurrencies, the latest attempt by Congress to formulate ideas on how to oversee a multibillion-dollar industry that has been wracked by collapsing prices and lenders halting operations.

The regulations offered by Senate Agriculture Committee chair Debbie Stabenow and top Republican member John Boozman would authorize the Commodities Futures Trading Commission to be the default regulator for cryptocurrencies. That would be in contrast with bills proposed by other members of Congress and consumer advocates, who have suggested giving the authority to the Securities and Exchange

This year, crypto investors have seen prices plunge and companies crater, with fortunes and jobs disappearing overnight, and some firms have been accused by federal regulators of running an illegal securities exchange. Bitcoin, the largest digital asset, trades at a fraction of its all-time high, down from more than \$68,000 in November 2021 to about \$23,000 on Wednesday.

The bill by Stabenow, a Democrat from Michigan, and Boozman, of Arkansas, would require all cryptocurrency platforms including traders, dealers, brokers and sites that hold crypto for customers — to register with the CFTC.

The CFTC is historically an underfunded and much smaller regulator than the SEC, which has armies of investigators to look at potential wrongdoing. The bill attempts to alleviate these issues by imposing user fees on the crypto industry that would in turn fund more robust supervision of the industry by the CFTC.

# **BUSINESS BRIEFING**

# France gives OK to inflation relief

SAULIEU, France — French lawmakers Wednesday approved a \$20.3 billion package of measures to help struggling households cope with rising energy and food prices.

The 395-112 vote came after a heated debate at the National Assembly, where French President Emmanuel Macron no longer has a majority.

The Senate also approved the text Wednesday night.

Annual inflation has reached a record 8.6% for the 19 countries using the shared euro currency, swollen by a huge increase in food and energy costs fueled partly by the war in Ukraine. In France, annual inflation is estimated to be running at 6.5%.

The bill includes increasing pensions and some welfare payments by 4%.

# Mine union told to pay over \$13M

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A federal oversight board ordered the United Mine Workers of America to pay more than \$13 million in compensation to an Alabama coal company where members have been on strike for more than a year, a ruling the union said Wednesday it would challenge.

The National Labor Relations Board said Warrior Met Coal Mining was due some \$13.3 million for costs including increased security, damage repair and lost revenues from unmined coal, and individuals were due almost \$30,000, mostly for damage to vehicles. Both amounts included interest.

The union, with roughly 1,100 members who went on strike on April 1, 2021, called the NLRB assessment an "outrageous" decision that it planned to fight.

# EPA: Sterilization chemical poses cancer risk

By Matthew Daly Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency is warning residents who live near medical sterilizing plants in 13 states and Puerto Rico about potential health risks from emissions of ethylene oxide, a chemical widely used in their oper-

Laredo, Texas; Ardmore, Oklahoma; and Lakewood, Colorado, are among the communities facing the highest risk from ethylene oxide emissions, the EPA said Wednesday.

The agency has notified 23 commercial sterilizers - 19 in the continental U.S. and four in Puerto Rico — that their operations pose an elevated risk of cancer and other ailments.

Ethylene oxide is used to clean everything from catheters to syringes, pacemakers and plastic surgical gowns.

While short-term or infrequent exposure to ethylene oxide does not appear to pose a health risk, the EPA said long-term or lifetime exposure to the chemical could lead to a variety of health impacts, including lymphoma and breast cancer. The EPA said it is working with commercial sterilizers to take appropriate steps to reduce emissions.

The Ethylene Oxide Sterilization Association, an industry group, said in a statement that ethylene oxide has been used for decades by the health care community.

In many cases there are no practical

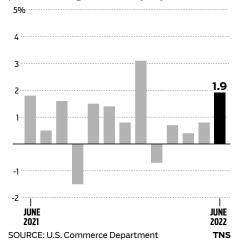
alternatives available to ethylene oxide, the group said, adding that use of less effective cleaning methods "could introduce the real risks of increased morbidity and mortality" at hospitals throughout the country.

Besides medical cleaners, ethylene oxide is used in a range of products and to decontaminate some food products. Two of the 23 facilities targeted by the EPA, in Hanover and Jessup, Maryland, sterilize spices.

Other commercial sterilizers cited by the EPA are located in Groveland, Florida; Salisbury, Maryland.; Taunton, Massachusetts; Columbus, Nebraska; Linden and Franklin, New Jersey; Erie and Zelienople, Pennsylvania; Memphis and New Tazewell, Tennessee; Athens, Texas; Sandy, Utah; and Richmond, Virginia.

# **Manufacturing orders**

New orders of durable goods, monthly percent change, seasonally adjusted



## **BUSINESS**



Germany is scheduled to shut down its last three operational nuclear power plants, including this one at Neckarwestheim in southern Germany, by year's end. BERND WEISSBROD/DPA

# Gas concerns have Germany rethinking nuke plant plans

By Geir Moulson Associated Press

BERLIN - Rising concern over the impact of a potential Russian gas cutoff is fueling the debate in Germany over whether the country should switch off its last three nuclear power plants as planned at the end of this year.

The door to a possible extension appeared to open after the Economy Ministry in mid-July announced a new "stress test" on the security of electricity supplies. It's supposed to take into account a tougher scenario than a previous test, concluded in May, that found supplies were assured.

Since then, Russia has reduced natural gas supplies through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to Germany to 20% of capacity amid tensions over the war in Ukraine. It cited technical issues that Germany says are only an excuse for a political power play.

Russia recently has accounted for about a third of Germany's gas supply, and there are concerns it could turn off the tap altogether.

The main opposition Union bloc has made increasingly frequent demands for an extension of the nuclear plants' lives. Similar calls are coming from the smallest party in Chancellor Olaf Scholz's coalition government, the pro-business Free Demo-

"A lot speaks for not switching off the safe and climate-friendly nuclear power plants, but if necessary using them until 2024." Finance Minister Christian Lindner, the Free Democrats' leader, told Sunday's Bild am Sonntag newspa-

Lindner called for Economy Minister Robert Habeck, who is responsible for energy, to stop the use of gas to generate electricity.

Calls for extending the use of nuclear power are awkward for the other two governing parties, Scholz's center-left Social Democrats and, particularly, Habeck's environmentalist Greens. Opposition to nuclear power is a cornerstone of the Greens' identity; a Social Democrat-Green government launched Germany's exit from nuclear power

two decades ago.

A government made up of then-Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right Union and the Free Democrats set the nuclear exit's current form in 2011, shortly after the Fukushima nuclear disaster in Japan.

It calls for the three still-operational reactors to go offline at the end of December.

Habeck has long argued that keeping those reactors running would be legally and technically complex and do little to address the problems caused by a shortfall of gas, arguing that natural gas isn't so much a factor in generating electricity as in fueling industrial processes and providing heating.

"We have a heating problem or an industry problem, but not an electricity problem — at least not generally throughout the country," he said in early July.

In this year's first quarter, nuclear plants accounted for 6% of Germany's electricity generation and gas for 13%.

Lindner said "we must work to ensure that an electricity crisis doesn't come on top of the gas crisis."

# Emanuel issues warning of Chinese economic coercion

By Foster Klug and Mari Yamaguchi Associated Press

TOKYO - The United States is working with Japan and other like-minded countries to counter China's efforts to use its economic might to force political change around the world, the U.S. ambassador to Japan said this week.

Rahm Emanuel, who was previously mayor of Chicago and chief of staff for President Barack Obama, is pushing what he calls "commercial diplomacy," the idea that the United States and Japan will be more eager to do business with each other and with similar secure and stable countries amid worries caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and Chinese economic coercion.

"From intellectual property theft to coercion to debt dependency that China creates, the idea that they could actually honestly say, 'We don't coerce,' and then you have not one, not two, not three — many worldwide examples where they use their economic market access to force a political change in a country ... I think everybody's woken up to that," Emanuel said Tuesday in an interview in his residence in downtown

Tokyo. Emanuel, who arrived in Japan in January, laid out a number of examples of Chinese coercion, including with Japan, which saw Chinese shipments of rare earth metals blocked over a territorial dispute; South Korea, which suffered Chinese business boycotts when it installed a U.S. missile defense system; Australia and countries in Europe and Southeast Asia.

He said that finding ways for Japan and the United States to stand up to Chinese economic coercion was one of the first issues he raised with Japan's foreign



Rahm Emanuel says the U.S. and Japan are working with other countries to counter China's use of its economic influence to force political change. EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP

minister.

Japan has expressed deep worry about increased Chinese activities in regional seas, including near a Japanese-controlled island claimed by Beijing, and has pushed for peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. Emanuel praised Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's pledge for a "significant increase" in both the country's defense budget and its military capabilities.

Kishida's attempts to revise Japan's national security strategy and basic defense guidelines are a legacy of his hawkish mentor, former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who was assassinated in July.

Kishida has also said he is open to possible preemptive strike capabilities, which opponents say would go far beyond Japan's war-renouncing constitution, which restricts the use of force to self-defense.

Kishida also has proposed significantly increasing Japan's defense budget possibly doubling to 2% of GDP, a NATO standard over the next five years.

"Much to the prime

minister's credit, he looked around the corner and realized what was happening in this region and the world -Japan needed to step up in ways it hadn't in the past," Emanuel said.

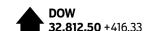
Emanuel also mentioned economic opportunities for Japan and the United States in electric vehicle batteries, energy, new research and technology in small modular nuclear reactors, aviation technology and semiconductors.

The business leaders who he has met with as ambassador to Japan would have evaluated a capital expenditure decision in the past purely by questions over cost, logistics and efficiency, he said, but they are now willing to pay more to avoid sanctions and instability.

"That is a major change in thinking," he said.

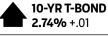
For "the last 20 or 30 years, cost and efficiency were the driving factors. They drove public policy, and they drove corporate decisions. Today cost and efficiency are being replaced, supplanted by stability and sustainability," Emanuel said.

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# Why Kan. abortion vote matters and doesn't

By Jonathan Bernstein Bloomberg Opinion

Tuesday saw some of the last remaining major party primaries of 2022. But the headline event of the night was a ballot measure in Kansas, and it was a big victory for abortion rights.

Elections can be important because of their immediate effects, or because of how  $political\ actors\ will\ interpret\ them-or$ 

This was both.

The immediate substantive effect is straightforward: Kansas voters refused to change the state constitution to say there is no right to an abortion, so the state will remain a haven for abortion rights.

And what about the vote's effects on political actors? It's likely that Democrats, already energized by the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, will now be even more likely to make reproductive rights a high-profile campaign theme this fall. It's less clear whether Republicans will back off some of their hard-line positions. Republicans who oppose abortion under all circumstances have had the upper hand within the party so far this year. It will be interesting to see whether those with more moderate anti-abortion positions go on the offensive.

It's also hard to say whether the Kansas result predicts much about November. Democrats will point to the size of the victory - close to 20 percentage points and the huge turnout, especially among Democrats, in a Republican state. What that means for candidate elections, however, is by no means obvious. It's fair to say that the abortion issue is more likely to help than hurt Democrats this fall, but anything more than that is just guesswork.

Meanwhile, there were plenty of party primaries between candidates Tuesday.

Political scientist Jake Grumbach tweeted a reminder of why these are so important: "Pressure in primaries (not just voting but also \$, endorsements, etc.), in large part, is the mechanism by which party position change happens. It's part of the reason for recent party position change with respect to democracy itself." Moreover, given the importance of political parties to governing, primary elections are where a lot of democracy actually happens.

Here are a few observations about those elections:

■ Trump's influence over Republican politics is by now clear.

The former president's power over the party's voters is nothing extraordinary, but his sway over its candidates is strong. Tuesday's wins and losses filled in some more details.



Jae Gray of Kansans for Constitutional Freedom posts signs for an election results watch party Tuesday in Overland Park. THE KANSAS CITY STAR

In general, some of Trump's endorsed candidates in contested races win, especially when the conditions are good for any high-profile endorsement to matter - multicandidate primaries with little to differentiate the candidates. (Trump also helps his win percentage by endorsing a lot of incumbents who don't have significant challengers, and has also taken to last-minute endorsements for solid leaders in polls.) Yet candidates continue to beg for his endorsement, and in practical terms, that means that a lot of Republican candidates are repeating Trump's false claims about the 2020 election. Some just refuse to admit that President Joe Biden was legitimately elected, while others are basically campaigning against free and fair elections.

■ Among Republicans, a vote for impeachment remains controversial.

Ten House Republicans voted for Trump's

second impeachment a year and a half ago, and three were on the ballot Tuesday.

Rep. Peter Meijer of Michigan was defeated for renomination, while two in Washington state appear to be surviving, though the count is slow. Of the remaining seven, four have chosen to retire, one won, one lost and one — perhaps the most prominent, Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming - faces GOP voters this month.

■ Republicans had a mixed record with some potentially terrible candidates.

Most notably, disgraced former Gov. Eric Greitens lost his bid to become the nominee for U.S. Senate in Missouri. State Attorney General Eric Schmitt defeated Greitens, who might have lost even in that solidly Republican state, which will now be considered safe for the party. The Trump-endorsed candidate for U.S. Senate in Arizona, Blake Masters, did win, so incumbent Sen, Mark Kelly will have an edge in that toss-up state, even in what looks like a good Republican

■ Democrats continue not to be in disarray. Democrats haven't been able to clear the field everywhere, but they have done so in many high-profile races, and they're generally making pragmatic choices in highly contested seats. For governor in Arizona, they nominated Secretary of State Katie Hobbs by a more than 3-to-1 margin. There's no guarantee any Democrat will win in Arizona this year, even if the GOP puts up a weak candidate. But Democrats are successfully avoiding intense nomination fights and emerging united, usually behind well-regarded candidates. That's not always been the case, and it remains to be seen whether it makes any difference. But it is certainly a major theme of this cycle for the party.

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# Manchin's pitch to hike taxes | Inflation Reduction Act not is not how to fight stagflation

**By Preston Brashers** The Heritage Foundation

Stagflation is here. Inflation notched a fresh 40-year high of 9.1% in June, and the economy shrank in the first and second

quarters of the year. Yet Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York are charging forward with a plan to slap businesses and individuals with more taxes. While there's no good time to raise taxes, doing so in a down economy would be especially counterpro-

This is disappointing from Manchin, who recently shot down the idea of raising taxes on Americans without seeing data that shows inflation on the wane.

On July 15, Manchin told West Virginia radio host Hoppy Kercheval, "Inflation is absolutely killing many, many people ... Can't we wait to make sure that we do nothing to add to that? And I can't make that decision on taxes of any type [without seeing a drop in inflation]."

The new taxes in the 725-page Manchin-Schumer bill fall into three main categories: new taxes on businesses designed to raise revenues, punitive taxes on businesses designed to coerce, and an \$80 billion expansion of the IRS mostly meant to beef up enforcement and audits on American taxpayers.

The largest revenue-raising tax hike would be a new minimum tax on businesses, estimated to raise \$313 billion over 10 years. The corporate minimum tax would require businesses to calculate their tax liability under a complex parallel tax system based on financial statement

But don't assume you'll be untouched if you're not a business owner. This tax hike adds to business costs directly and indirectly by imposing a large compliance burden on business, most of which ultimately gets passed down in the form of lower wages and higher prices.

In the Medicare prescription drug market, the Manchin-Schumer bill resorts to effective tax rates of more than 100% on drug manufacturers as part of the enforcement mechanism for the government's drug price-fixing schemes. The drug price controls would shift costs around but wouldn't reduce inflation. Indeed, while the price of the 10 to 20 price-controlled drugs may fall specifically within the Medicare market, some estimates indicate that the price controls will lead to far fewer drugs being introduced in U.S.

Live-saving medicines would not be available at any price. How's that for stag-

The Manchin-Schumer bill also does an end-around to grab more taxes without (another) direct tax increase. By adding roughly 87,000 new agents to the IRS's ranks, the senators hope to collect a total of about \$200 billion more tax revenues from Americans through an estimated additional 1.2 million annual audits. Almost half of that additional revenue collected would go right back into the IRS.

Again, this doesn't help end stagflation. Making hundreds of thousands more people work for the IRS or slog through an audit in a given year won't free up the private sector to start producing again.

Typically, U.S. policymakers avoid raising taxes in a shrinking economy. When they've tried it in the past, it's failed.

The most egregious example of piling on taxes in a recession followed the 1929 stock market crash. At least four major tax increases - the 1930 Smoot-Hawley tariffs, major 1932 individual tax hikes, the 1935 "Soak the Rich" tax, and the 1937 introduction of the payroll tax — helped deepen and extend the Great Depression. In 1937 and 1938, America experienced a double-dip recession and the unemploy-

ment rate soared to 19%. While another Great Depression isn't likely, Schumer and Manchin's \$1 trillion tax plan may well push the economy deeper into recession. This would be devastating for American families, but it would also be terrible news for America's fiscal situation with the national debt already standing at \$30.5 trillion.

After President George H.W. Bush broke his "no new taxes" pledge in 1990 at the front end of a recession, not only did it worsen the recession, it failed to drive up federal revenues as intended. By 1992, tax revenues dropped to their lowest level as a percentage of GDP as at any point between 1985 and 2002.

Each of the last 12 U.S. recessions dating back to 1949 led to a decline in the growth of federal tax revenue. Falling economic output reduces Americans' income and drops them into lower tax brackets. Since high-income Americans pay much more tax than low-income Americans, healthy economic growth is key to growth in tax

Manchin was right the first time. More taxes are not what America needs right

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# as big a deal as parties think



Goldberg

In an era of ugly legislative gridlock, it's easy to forget that progress isn't necessarily pretty.

Last week, Washington got blindsided by the unveiling of the Inflation Reduc-

tion Act of 2022. For Democrats it was a moment of spontaneous joy, while Republicans reacted with instantaneous outrage.

In brief, here's what happened. The Senate passed, on a bipartisan basis, the Chips and Science Act, which would spend up to \$280 billion to subsidize domestic microchip production. The bill is flawed, but justifiable on national security grounds. Then almost immediately afterward, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York and Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., announced their Inflation Reduction Act, which is mostly a vastly scaled-down version of the old Build Back Better package that Manchin almost single-handedly blocked for more

Republicans were furious because they were led to believe such a thing was impossible. In what appeared like a fit of pique, they blocked the PACT Act, aimed at helping veterans harmed by toxic burn pits in war zones. Except in June the same bill had passed the Senate 84-14 (it had to be reintroduced for technical reasons).

In other words, the "support the troops" party voted down a pro-veteran bill they had supported just to spite the

Republicans deny such motivations, and some, like Sen. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., have plausible explanations. But the GOP certainly leapt at the opportunity to look like sore losers. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, says GOP feelings are so hurt over the Manchin Maneuver, her colleagues might balk on a bill to recognize gay marriage too.

Now, I get spite. But what's more confounding is how so many progressives are hailing the Inflation Reduction Act as a huge victory for Joe Biden and the left. For most of Biden's time in the White House, progressives insisted that even the \$3.5 trillion they demanded for Build Back Better was itself the bare minimum and even a painful compromise. "I already negotiated. The truth is we need more," Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., who had wanted anywhere from \$6 trillion to \$16 trillion in climate spending, told Politico. The \$3.5 trillion, he said, is "the minimum of what we should be spending."

Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., said a year ago that the \$3.5 trillion was merely a "down payment."

Now, everyone is cheering a bill that spends a comparatively meager \$369 billion on climate-related subsidies. The rest of the measure's \$739 billion price tag goes to extending Obamacare provisions, prescription drug subsidies, expanding the Internal Revenue Service workforce and various tax hikes aimed at deficit

I have many substantive objections to the bill which, if passed, is unlikely to have nearly the success its backers claim at reducing emissions or increasing revenues. For instance, the extension of the eligibility for the carried interest deduction from three years to five is supposed to be a major broadside against perfidious private equity fat cats, but the average amount of time investors hold assets is about five years anyway.

More annoying is Manchin's claim that this is just about "closing loopholes" when the bill is chock-a-block with loopholes for green energy firms, just as the CHIPS bill was for manufacturers. Subsidizing affluent people to buy electric cars and shoveling subsidies to Democrat client industries is good politics for Biden, but I'm old enough to remember Solyndra.

But my consternation is mostly political. If you had told Republicans that they could derail the old BBB with a deficit reduction package that spent just 10 cents for every dollar the Democrats wanted, a lot of them would have counted themselves lucky. And if Biden had pushed for such a deal, the same people popping champagne now would be denouncing Biden as a sellout.

It's all the stranger because Biden didn't push for this bill. Everyone's touting this deal as a huge win for Biden when he had nothing to do with it. Indeed, Manchin says that he kept Biden out of negotiations because Biden's involvement would have messed it all up. Biden campaigned on the promise that he knew how to work with Congress, but he was entirely out of the

After a spate of brutal polls for Biden and his party, the Democrats who wanted the moon, are happy to celebrate moon rocks. And Republicans have gotten so entitled to winning that in their outrage over losing, they'd rather vote against legislation they support. It's almost as if policy were an afterthought.

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Cheesy, eggy and chock-full of vegetables, a slice is the perfect recipe for a surfeit of summer zucchini. BRYAN GARDNER/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

# Make the most of too much SUMMER SQUASH

By Melissa Clark The New York Times

f the phrase
"zucchini slice"
conjures an image of
a round of the raw
vegetable sitting next to the
onion dip, it is only because
you haven't been to Australia or New Zealand.

There, a zucchini slice is a whole other thing. A beloved lunchbox staple or cafe snack, it is like a cross between a frittata and a savory quick bread, baked until firm enough to slice and eat out of hand.

Cheesy, eggy and chock-full of vegetables, it is a perfect thing to do with a surfeit of summer zucchini, especially when the thought of whipping up yet another zucchini bread or batch of grilled zucchini makes you ever so slightly

I learned about zucchini slices of the Antipodean variety from food writer Lukas Volger's latest cookbook, "Snacks for Dinner" (Harper Wave, 2022).

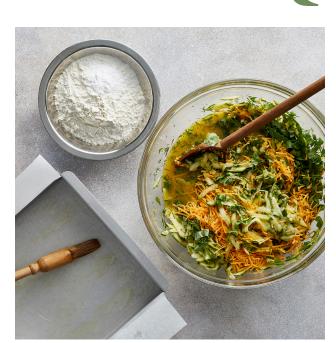
His recipe is a meatless, brighter and more complex

take on the one that has been making the rounds in food and women's magazines for decades.

"All recipes for zucchini slice are pretty much the same," Volger said. "There's bacon in it and it's really caloric, with a bunch of eggs and cheese."

In his quest to lighten up the classic formula, he nixed the bacon and added a combination of olives and pickled peppers to give a deeply salty bite. Stirring in half a cup of chopped herbs gave the slices a freshness and a pretty speckling of green. And finally, calling for leeks instead of the usual diced onions, and sautéing them first, lends a sweeter flavor and makes the slices neater and less soggy.

You also needn't stick to using just zucchini in the recipe, Volger said. You can substitute shredded vegetables such as carrots or beets, or leftover cooked broccoli, cauliflower, eggplant, greens or mushrooms for up to half of the zucchini without losing the essence of the dish. Even



Preparing zucchini slice, a cross between a frittata and savory quick bread that is popular in Australia and New Zealand.

better, you can serve it hot, warm or at room temperature. Or make it a day or two ahead, store it covered in the fridge, then let it come to room temperature before serving so the texture is supple and soft.

In Australia, the genre of slices also includes all

manner of plain and ornate sweets. "There are brownie slices and coffee cake slices," Volger said. "It's like everything can be turned into a slice in Australia."

But for an easy and vegetable-rich meal, Volger's delightful zucchini iteration hits the mark.

### AUSTRALIAN ZUCCHINI SLICE

Makes: 8 servings Total time: 1 hour 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, more for the pan

1 large leek, white and light green parts, halved and thinly sliced into half moons (1½

cups)
4 garlic cloves, finely grated or minced

⅓ cup coarsely chopped green olives

V<sub>3</sub> cup coarsely chopped pickled peppers (such as jalapeños and pepperoncini) 1 ¼ teaspoon kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal), more as needed

5 large eggs
2 small zucchini, about 14
ounces, grated (2½ cups)
1 cup shredded cheddar
½ cup coarsely chopped
cilantro, basil or dill (or a
combination)

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
Flaky sea salt and chile
flakes, for serving (optional)
1. Heat the oven to 350
degrees and brush an 8-by8-inch baking pan with olive

oil. Line pan with parchment

paper, leaving 2 inches overhanging on the sides of the pan.

2. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add leek, and cook until softened and golden brown, 7 to 10 minutes. Stir in garlic, olives, pickled peppers and ½ teaspoon salt, and cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Transfer to a large mixing bowl and add the remaining ⅓ cup oil; let mixture cool.

3. In a medium bowl, whisk eggs until combined. Stir eggs into leek mixture, then stir in zucchini, cheese and cilantro. Sprinkle flour, baking powder and remaining salt over the wet ingredients. Mix gently until smooth.

4. Scrape mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake until center is set and lightly golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes if using a metal pan and 40 to 50 minutes if using a glass dish. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool slightly. Cut into small squares and serve warm or at room temperature, sprinkled with flaky sea salt and chile flakes, if you like.

— Recipe from Lukas Volger; adapted by Melissa Clark

# Perfect pair: Blueberry compote is a beautiful topping for panna cotta

**By JeanMarie Brownson** Tribune Content Agency

As blueberries peak, I buy big boxes of the large, super-sweet berries at the local farmers market. At home, I rinse, sort and pat them dry before freezing the berries on sheet pans.

Once frozen solid, I transfer the berries to freezer bags for easier storage.

This summer, I'm combining blueberries with dark red plums for a simple fruit compote seasoned with a little lemon rind. The compote can be frozen in small

containers for several months. It will keep in the refrigerator for a week or two.

Serve the sweet-tart fruit sauce over pancakes and waffles. Dollop it over slices of pound cake and ice cream for a simple dessert. Or toast thick slices of hearty bread, then spread the bread thickly with ricotta cheese. Top with the blueberry plum compote for an easy summer breakfast.

The blueberry compote makes a beautiful topping for panna cotta, a light and creamy Italian-inspired summer favorite.

Literally cooked cream, panna cotta gets soft from a touch of plain gelatin. A combination of dairy products gives it flavor and texture. Creme fraiche and yogurt add a nice tang that complements this sweet fruit topping.

Pack the panna cotta in pretty jars. When they are set, top with a layer of the blueberry compote. Set the lid in place for easy transport to picnics and concerts in the park.

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# Blueberry pie may be tastiest ever

**By Gretchen McKay** Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Blueberry season is upon us, which means berry-studded muffins, pancakes, salads and smoothies. The plump and juicy berry — thought to have one of the highest antioxidant levels of all everyday fruits — also makes a great base for a summer pie that's both sweet and jammy, with just a touch of tang for balance.

This super-easy recipe from Cook's Country magazine pairs the sweetsour pop of fresh blueberries with a cooked berry puree in a simple (but oh-so-good) graham cracker crust.

It's topped with a cheesecake-like, no-bake whipped topping that whisks together in a stand mixer in around 5 minutes. No bothering with dough means the whole process is no big deal, making this a perfect pie for novice bakers and cooks for a summer cookout.

The original recipe in the magazine featured piped rosettes of topping on the pie, but I'm pretty clumsy with a pastry bag. So I chose the easier option of spreading the topping across the top of the pie with an offset spatula, and then swirling in the puree in a marble pattern with a butter knife. I also added a strawberry flower in the center.

Be sure to chill the pie after it's prepared for the recommended four hours or it will fall apart when you slice it. (I refrigerated mine overnight.)

The magazine posits the dessert "just might be the best blueberry pie you'll ever eat," and they're not kidding: Everyone who tasted it begged for more.



This easy-to-make cream pie highlights the flavors and textures of fresh blueberries, with a crisp and nutty graham cracker crust. **GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE** 

### **BLUEBERRY CREAM PIE**

Makes: 8-10 servings

For the crust:

12 whole-grain graham crackers, broken into

pieces 2 tablespoons sugar

Pinch table salt 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

For the filling: ½ cup sugar

4 teaspoons cornstarch

¼ teaspoon table salt 1½ pounds (about 4¾ cups) blueberries, divided

1 tablespoon lemon juice

For the topping: 8 ounces cream cheese, softened

¼ cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla 1 cup heavy cream, chilled

**1. Adjust** oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees.

**2. Make crust:** Process cracker pieces in food processor until finely ground, about 30 seconds. Add sugar and salt and pulse to combine, about 3 pulses. Add melted butter and pulse until combined, about 8 pulses.

**3. Transfer** crumbs to 9-inch pie plate. Using bottom of dry measuring cup, press crumbs into bottom and up sides of plate. Bake until crust is fragrant and beginning to brown, 16 to 18 minutes. Transfer plate to wire rack.

**4. Meanwhile, make filling.** Whisk sugar, cornstarch and salt in medium saucepan until no lumps of cornstarch remain. Process 2 cups blueberries in clean, dry work bowl until smooth, about 2 minutes, scraping down sides of bowl as needed. Strain puree through fine-mesh strainer into sugar mixture in saucepan, pressing on solids to extract as much liquid as possible. Discard solids. Whisk puree into sugar mixture until combined.

**5. Bring** puree mixture to simmer over medium heat, whisking frequently. Continue to cook,

whisking constantly, until whisk leaves trail that slowly fills in, about 1 minute longer (mine took about 4 minutes total). Off heat, whisk in lemon juice. Reserve 2 tablespoons of puree for topping.

6. Stir remaining blueberries into remaining puree in saucepan. Spread filling evenly over bottom of

pie crust. (It needs be completely cooled.)
7. Make topping: Using stand mixer fitted with whisk attachment, whip cream cheese, sugar and vanilla on medium-high speed until very smooth, about 2 minutes, scraping bowl as needed. With mixer running, slowly pour in cream and whip until stiff peaks form, 1 to 3 minutes, scraping down bowl as needed.

**8. Spread** cream cheese topping over filling. Drizzle reserved puree over topping. (If it has thickened, microwave until loosened, about 15 seconds.) Using a butter knife, swirl puree through topping, making marbled pattern.

**9. Refrigerate** pie for at least 4 hours or up to 24 hours, then serve.

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— Recipe from cookscountry.com



Panna cotta is a light, Italian-inspired summer favorite. **JEANMARIE BROWNSON/TNS** 

# Compote from Page 1

# BLUEBERRY-PLUM COMPOTE

Makes: 3 ½ cups
Note: Look for ripe, yet still
slightly firm plums for this
recipe; those with deep red
flesh have a sweet flavor.
3 cups (18 ounces) fresh or
frozen blueberries
4 large red or black plums,
pitted, thinly sliced, about 1
½ cups
⅓ cup sugar
⅙ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons water ½ teaspoon grated fresh lemon rind

1. Put blueberries, sliced plums, sugar, salt and 2 tablespoons water into a medium-size saucepan. Heat to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low. Cook uncovered, stirring often, until berries burst and sugar completely dissolves, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

2. Stir in lemon rind. Cool completely. Refrigerate

covered up to one week, or

freeze in small containers for up to several months.

### VANILLA CREME FRAICHE PANNA COTTA WITH BLUEBERRY COMPOTE

Makes: 4 servings Note: Use any fat level of milk and yogurt that you wish. 1 envelope (0.25 ounce) or 2

teaspoons plain powdered gelatin 2 tablespoons cold water 1 cup milk

1/2 cup sugar 1/2 vanilla bean, split lengthwise 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg Generous pinch salt

1½ cups plain yogurt
½ cup creme fraiche or
more yogurt
1 teaspoon pure vanilla

extract
Blueberry-plum compote
(see recipe)
Plain yogurt or softly
whipped sweetened
whipped cream, optional
Mint leaves, for garnish

1. Put gelatin and 2

tablespoons cold water in a small dish. Stir to dissolve gelatin. Let stand until the gelatin is rehydrated into a soft mound, about 5 minutes.

minutes.

2. Meanwhile, put milk, sugar and vanilla bean into a small saucepan. Cook and stir over low heat until sugar completely dissolves. Remove from heat and stir in dissolved gelatin until smooth. Let mixture cool to room temperature. Scrape seeds out of vanilla bean into the milk. Discard bean pod. Stir in the nutmeg and salt.

3. Whisk together yogurt, creme fraiche and vanilla extract in a large bowl. Whisk in the cooled milk mixture until smooth. Divide the mixture between four 8- to 10-ounce jars. Cover the jars and refrigerate until set, 3 hours or up to two days.

4. To serve, spoon some

4. To serve, spoon some of the blueberry-plum compote over the top of each pudding. Top with a spoonful of the yogurt or whipped cream if desired. Garnish with mint.







I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, 'A family like yours.' That's when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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# Great summer wines under \$20

**By Eric Asimov** The New York Times

In the stores where I shop for wine, the shelves have looked a bit less packed than usual with intriguing bottles. I suspect I'm not the only one to

Inflation, delays, supply chain problems - we've heard all the reasons goods are more expensive and harder to come by. Wine is subject to all these pres-

It's not that wine stores are showing a pronounced scarcity. But as I was shopping for this list, I did note fewer new producers and unexpected finds.

Instead, I bought a lot of bottles that I have gotten to know over the years. They still are great values, and, as it is summer here in the Northern Hemisphere, this list is heavier on whites and rosés than reds.

It has been my experience that the greatest concentration of values for wine can be found in the \$15-\$25 range. Does this mean that a \$20 bottle will always be better than a \$10 bottle? Of course not. But it means that at \$20, you have a much greater probability of finding a distinctive, intriguing bottle than you would at \$10.

Not every \$20 bottle is going to be good. The best way of increasing your odds is to shop at serious wine merchants, which have already done the work of cutting away a lot of mediocre stuff. Chances are, they won't have all the bottles I'm recommending here, but they might have a few. And they certainly should be able to recommend worthwhile alternatives to the wines they do not have.

Here are the bottles, all under \$20, beginning with the least expensive.

Moulin de Gassac Pays

d'Hérault Guilhem Rosé **2021,12.5%,\$11.99:** This pale rosé is a great value. Mas de Daumas Gassac, one of the leading producers in the Languedoc region, has been working with local cooperatives to produce lower-cost wines under the Moulin de Gassac label. This blend, 50% cinsault, 30% carignan and 20% grenache, was typical in Languedoc before other grapes like syrah got popular. It's dry and refreshing, with flavors of licorice and herbs.

Luberri Rioja Orlegi de Luberri 2020, 14.5%, **\$14.99:** The Monje Amestoy family farms in the Rioja Alavesa, the northernmost of the three Rioja regions. Orlegi de Luberri is a light, easygoing expression of Rioja, made of 95% tempranillo with a little viura, a white grape, tossed in. It's fresh, fruity and well-balanced, perfect with grilled sausages or other informal dishes.

Château le Payral Bergerac

Blanc Sec 2021.12%. **\$14.99:** Bergerac in the southwest of France will always play also-ran to Bordeaux, its coastal cousin. The regions use the same grapes and make similar wines, yet Bordeaux is world famous and Bergerac, well, you would have to read a few Martin Walker mysteries to develop an urge for Bergerac. Or you could shortcut the process by trying this fragrant white, a blend of biodynamically grown sauvignon blanc. sémillon and muscadelle. It's light and lively, earthy and tart, with a flavor of honeysuckle.

Loxarel Classic Penedès Säniger Brut Nature Reserva 2016, 12.5%, \$15: This delicious sparkling wine is another great deal.



TONY CENICOLA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

It's made using the same method as Champagne, with the second fermentation in the bottle, and with the classic grapes of cava, parellada, macabeu and xarello. Did I mention the grapes are farmed biodvnamically? It's floral and herbal, dry and saline, and thoroughly delicious.

The Whole Shebang California Fourteenth Cuvée Red Wine NV.14.2%.

**\$16:** I have written about several iterations of this wine because it's so good. Why stop now? It's a modern version of a California field blend, from Morgan Twain-Peterson of Bedrock Wine Co. Unlike the classic blend in which many grapes are grown all together in a single vineyard, these grapes come from several different vineyards from various parts of California and multiple vintages. This is mostly zinfandel but includes more than a half-dozen other grapes, fermented with native yeast and aged in old oak barrels. It's fresh with spicy flavors of red

Romain Chamiot Savoie Apremont 2020, 11.5%, **\$16.96:** I have grown to love the white wines of the Savoie, a French region in the foothills of the Alps near the border where France meets Switzerland and Italy. This wine is not complicated. It's fresh, light and floral, made from the jacquère grape, and just

right for a lunch outdoors with a salad, gazpacho or light seafood dish.

**Domaine Zafeirakis** Tvrnavos Limniona Rosé 2021,13%,\$16.96: Christos Zafeirakis is one of the dynamic growers and producers supplying great energy to modern Greek wine culture. This bottle, a rosé made of the limniona grape, which Zafeirakis practically resurrected from oblivion, is a great example of the Zafeirakis style. It's fruity, herbal and unexpectedly complex for a rosé.

Ca'Lojera Lugana 2020, 13%, \$17.99: Lugana, on the southern rim of Lake Garda in the Lombardy region of Italy, is not well known; but it can be the source of some terrific white wines, like this bottle from Ca' Lojera. It's made of the turbiana grape, also known as trebbiano di Lugana, which, oddly, is not trebbiano at all. Rather, it's a synonym for verdicchio, a grape more commonly found in the Marche region. This wine is savory and bonedry, with a rich texture that lingers.

**Domaine Douloufakis** Crete Dafnios Vidiano 2021, 13.5%, \$17.99: Vidiano is a white grape grown historically in Crete. This bottle comes from the village of Dafnios, outside of Heraklion, where Nikos Douloufakis is a third-generation grower and producer. This

fruity, floral wine is dry, with rich lingering flavors of herbs and peaches. It would make a nice combination with grilled sea scallops.

ColleStefano Verdicchio di Matelica 2021, 13%, **\$18.96:** This wine is so good and so reasonably priced that I regularly tout its virtues. It comes from Matelica, the smaller of two adjoining sources for verdicchio in the Marche, where Fabio Marchionni farms organically. It's crisp and refreshing, with aromas and flavors of stones, flowers and

almonds, a rich texture yet

plenty of refreshing acidity.

Hubert Vignerons Vin de France Les Vacances de Monsieur Merlot 2019. **14.5%, \$18.96:** The Hubert family makes some of the best values in Bordeaux under the labels Château Peybonhomme-les-Tours and Château la Grolet, all from biodynamically farmed grapes. This bottle, made entirely of merlot, does not require aging. It's supple, not soft and amorphous, shaped by acidity and beautiful fruit flavors.

Meinklang Osterreich Roter Mulatschak 2020, 11%, \$18.99: Meinklang is one of my favorite producers. Wine is just one of the products from its mixed biodynamic farm just east of the Neusiedlersee, a long shallow lake in the Burgenland in eastern Austria.

This light, savory red is gorgeous. It's made of sankt laurent and zweigelt, and is spicy and deliciously refreshing.

**Empire Estate Finger Lakes** Blanc de Blancs Brut NV, 12.5%, \$19.99: Don't let the Blanc de Blancs fool you, this is 100% riesling. Blanc de blancs simply means a white made from white grapes. Generally, though, it's used in the context of Champagne, where 99.9% of the time it means all chardonnay. It also connotes a wine made in the Champagne style, in which a second, bubbles-inducing fermentation takes place in the bottle. This wine is made in a less expensive, less labor-intense fashion, with the second fermentation taking place in tanks. No matter: It's brisk, elegant, savory and refreshing.

Matias Michelini Uco Valley Esperando a los Bárbaros Malbec 2021, 13.5%,

\$19.99: You malbec skeptics out there, here is a wine for you. Matias Michelini farms biodynamically in the Gualtallary region of the Uco Valley in Mendoza. These grapes were grown in granite and limestone soils and fermented and aged in concrete eggs. It has got the plummy fruit typical of malbec, but it's focused and balanced, tempered by fine tannins and an earthy minerality that gives the wine shape and energy.



Dried oregano, rather than fresh, adds a deeper, earthier flavor to the chicken, **DREAMSTIME** 

# **SERIOUSLY SIMPLE**

# Juicy Greek chicken makes a fine add to dinner rotation

By Diane Rossen Worthington Tribune Content Agency

If you're like me, you probably have a couple of barbecued chicken "keepers" that you rotate repeatedly. For me, it's my lemon mustard chicken, pesto chicken and grilled chicken with classic barbecue

But I had a hankering for a new taste. That's how this juicy, herbed chicken

Marinating poultry in yogurt will ensure tender meat and luscious results. I prefer full-fat Greek yogurt for its thick, unique flavor. I started with that and then added lots of garlic, lemon zest and juice and a big burst of dried oregano.

Why dried? It adds a deeper, earthier

### **GRILLED CHICKEN BREASTS** WITH GREEK-STYLE MARINADE

Makes: 2 servings 1/2 cup plain full-fat Greek yogurt 1/4 cup olive oil Zest and juice of 1 lemon 4 medium minced garlic cloves 2 tablespoons dried oregano

Freshly ground black pepper 2 large skinless, boneless chicken breasts (1-pound)

To garnish: 1 lemon, sliced

Fresh oregano leaves or parslev 1. Combine the Greek yogurt and olive oil into a medium-sized bowl. Add the lemon

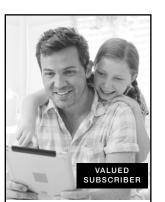
flavor than fresh oregano. Oregano is the herb I use most often for Greek dishes. Look for an extra-virgin Greek olive oil that has plenty of fruitiness with a light peppery finish. Four cloves of garlic might seem excessive, but it is needed here.

This simple dish might just make it into your chicken rotation. You can also use chicken thighs. Or cut into cubes and make brochettes. The marinade is also yummy on fresh salmon. If you use salmon, marinate no more than two hours before grilling.

What to serve alongside? How about cooked orzo with crumbled feta cheese, sweet baby peas, an olive oil drizzle and fresh herbs?

A crisp white Greek wine would be a fitting beverage accompaniment.

zest and juice, minced garlic, oregano, salt and pepper and stir. Taste for seasoning. 2. Reserve half of the marinade in a small bowl and refrigerate. Marinate the chicken in the medium-sized bowl for 30 minutes or up to 4 hours in the refrigerator. (The chicken can get mushy if left longer than 4 hours.) 3. When ready to grill, prepare the grill for medium high heat grilling. Grill the chicken, about 8 minutes per side or until they have grill marks, the chicken has no pinkness in the interior and the juices run clear. Let the chicken rest for about 10 minutes, covered loosely with aluminum foil, before serving. 4. Serve the breast whole or sliced on the bias, Garnish with sliced lemons and oregano or parsley. Offer the remaining marinade in a side bowl to accompany the chicken.



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A ginger lemon saketini made with fresh basil leaves is one refreshing cocktail. **CHEYENNE COHEN PHOTOS** 

# And the thyme, oregano, mint, rosemary and parsley. Garden herbs enhance all kinds of dishes in summertime.

By Katie Workman Associated Press

am a terrible gardener. I hate weeding, and within weeks of planting anything, the tomato, pepper and other plants start to become overrun with unwanted greenery, and it's just not a pretty sight.

The few plants that do seem to persevere despite my sloppy gardening efforts are the herbs, and they are truly enough of a payoff to keep going.

Having an ongoing supply of fresh herbs on hand during the summer ensures my cooking never becomes dull or uninspired. The secret to excellent pasta salads, tantalizing bruschetta and lively pasta sauces always comes down to a simple handful of chopped fresh herbs.

If a garden — even a terrible garden — is not in the cards for you, you can easily grow herbs in a windowsill pot. Many herbs thrive in containers, and then you can snip off little bunches of basil, dill, oregano and thyme to your heart's content, knowing there will be more to come.

You can start your herbs as seeds, or purchase small plants and repot them in progressively larger pots as they grow. Read package instructions for how to plant and care for various kinds

Now, what to do with all of those wonderful, fragrant herbs? Everything!

# **Basil**

To me, basil is the summeriest of all the herbs. Basil belongs to the mint family, and is an essential herb in Italian and Mediterranean cooking. It's the key ingredient in traditional pesto. But different varieties of basil (there are over 60!) are also frequently used in other types of cuisines, including Thai, Vietnamese and Indonesian.

I use basil in pretty much anything that involves tomatoes: bruschetta, pasta sauces, caprese salads. But don't stop there have you ever had basil in a cocktail? Amazing. Add some to your sangria for a surprising burst of

Or make basil oil by blending up ½ cup fresh basil leaves with ¼ cup olive oil and salt and pepper to taste. You can strain out the leaves if you want a clearer greenhued oil, or leave the pretty green flecks right in there. Drizzle basil



Rosemary and lemon are excellent partners for these chicken thighs, which cook up extra crispy, like a cross between fried and roasted chicken.

oil over roasted peppers, poached salmon, sliced tomatoes and mozzarella, or grilled zucchini and summer squash, to name a few options.

# Thyme

Although it's popular in a number of countries and cuisines, we most often associate thyme with European, particularly Mediterranean, cooking. I probably use this herb in my cooking more than any other year-round. The taste is potent and decidedly herbal in flavor, with sharp grassy, woodsy and floral notes.

Thyme works well with meats of all kinds, fish, chicken, eggs, pasta, vegetables and beans (I love it with lentils). It's a great addition to pasta and potato salads.

You can make a delicious quick compound butter featuring thyme. Mince about a tablespoon of fresh thyme, and blend it with ½ cup softened butter, a teaspoon of minced garlic, and salt and pepper to taste. Use this thyme-flavored butter to finish steaks, chicken breasts and salmon right off the grill. Or add a pat to a baked potato or some hot cooked grains, such as rice.

# **Parsley**

Meet the humble, unsung

hero of the fresh herb world. Yes, parsley can be used as a garnish, either in sprig form, or minced and sprinkled over a dish to give it a finishing pop of color and flavor. But don't overlook it as an herb to use in all kinds of dishes, both cooked and uncooked.

The ever-so-slightly peppery flavor of parsley is wonderful. It is highlighted in dishes like Middle Eastern tabbouleh and falafel, and is also a key component in a bouquet garni, a bundle of herbs used to season many Mediterranean dishes.

I like to add a generous handful of fresh parsley (I prefer the flatleaf Italian variety to the curly version) to everything from soups and stews to shrimp scampi to grain and orzo salads. It's excellent in condiments and sauces like salsa verde and chimichurri. And yes, it's great as a finishing garnish to many dishes as well.

# Oregano

Oregano is another easy-togrow and versatile herb. Many of us think Italian, Greek or Mexican when we think of oregano,

and with good reason, but it's also popular in Argentine and Turkish cooking.
The flavor is peppery, sharp, a bit sweet and even a little

pleasantly bitter. Use oregano in

marinades, dressing, sauces and

salads, as well as anything tomato-based.

# Mint

If you have ever grown it, you know that once mint gets going, it's hard to stop. So finding ways to use it is an imperative. Sweet, sharp and refreshing, mint adds interest to drinks (a sprig in a glass of lemonade or a cocktail is delightful), marinades, salads, salsas, pesto and desserts. It is also an important herb in Southeast Asian cooking.

# Rosemary

Rosemary is another prolific herb (part of the mint family, which makes sense). The flavor is piney, a bit lemony, sharp and quite strong; a little goes a long way. You can find terrific uses for rosemary in marinades for meats and poultry, and it's a great partner to potatoes. And you can use rosemary sprigs as skewers and make kabobs with them.

# Other herbs

Tarragon, chives, marjoram and dill are all terrific options for growing and cooking. The world of fresh herbs is vast. With a few pots on the sill, your summer cooking is about to get a boost in a big way.

### **LEMON ROSEMARY CHICKEN THIGHS**

**Total time:** 55 minutes Makes: 4 servings 4 lemons, zested and juiced 2 tablespoons minced fresh rosemary

8 chicken bone-in, skin-on thighs (about 4 pounds) 3/4 cup all-purpose flour 2 tablespoons olive oil

Kosher or coarse salt and freshly ground pepper to taste 3 tablespoons roughly chopped fresh chives or parsley (optional) 1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

2. In a small bowl, mix together the lemon zest and rosemary. Season

with salt and pepper. 3. Use your fingers to gently loosen the skin from the chicken thighs. Insert a hefty pinch of the rosemary-zest mixture under the skin of each thigh and rub it to coat the meat. You will use about 1/2 of

the rub mixture for this. 4. In a shallow bowl, blend the flour with salt and pepper. Dredge the chicken in the flour mixture and shake off any excess.

**5. Heat** a large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Add the oil and place the chicken thighs in the pan, skin-side down (you may need to do this in two batches), and cook for about 5 minutes, until the skin starts to brown. Flip the thighs and cook for another 4 minutes or so on the bottom side, until the bottom starts to turn golden. If you cooked the chicken in batches, fit all of the chicken back into the pan, transfer to the oven and roast for about 30 minutes until the chicken is cooked though.

6. Sprinkle as much lemon juice as you like over the chicken, then sprinkle the remaining lemon zest and rosemary mixture over the chicken, and serve hot. Sprinkle with chives or parsley, if desired.

### **BASIL GINGER LEMON** SAKETINI

Total time: 1 day, 20 minutes Makes: 1 drink For the saketini:

2 ounces vodka

2 ounces sake 1 tablespoon basil ginger syrup (see recipe) Basil leaves and strip of lemon zest

for garnish For the lemon basil ginger simple syrup:

½ cup water ½ cup sugar 1 cup packed basil leaves 2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger 8 strips lemon zest from 1 lemon Into a shaker filled with ice, pour the vodka, sake and lemon basil ginger syrup. Shake well and let sit for 1 minute to chill. Shake again and strain into a martini glass, or Champagne glass or coupe. Add

a couple of basil leaves and 1 or 2

lemon zest strips to garnish and serve chilled. To make the lemon basil ginger simple syrup: Combine the water with the sugar in a small saucepot over medium-high heat. Bring to a simmer and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Stir in the basil, ginger and lemon zest and remove from the heat. Let cool to room temperature, then transfer to a clean glass container and refrigerate for 24 hours. Strain out the solids and place the basil ginger

syrup in a clean container.



# SPINACH PARSLEY PESTO

Total time: 10 minutes Makes: 12 servings 3 cloves garlic

1/3 cup minced scallions 2 cups packed parsley leaves 2 cups packed roughly chopped fresh spinach

1/4 cup pine nuts, optional 1 cup extra-virgin olive oil Coarse or kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup finely grated Parmesan cheese

1. Place the garlic, scallions, parsley and spinach in a food processor or blender and pulse until everything is roughly chopped (or use a mortar and pestle). Add the pine nuts, if using, the oil, and salt and pepper and process, scraping down the sides, part way through, until everything is well blended.

2. At this point, for best texture, transfer the pesto to a small bowl or container before stirring in the Parmesan. But you are welcome to throw the cheese into the food processor and pulse to blend.



Outdoors organizations centering on people of color have been receiving surges of eager participants who want to heal their mental health. GETTY

# By Alisha Haridasani Gupta

The New York Times

or Cynthia Philips, it was the sound of bees, willows and crickets and the hum of a metallic Tibetan bowl that helped her overcome some of her anxieties.

Over Memorial Day weekend, Philips, a 64-year-old entrepreneur, drove out to a Black-owned ranch in Crawfordville, Georgia, where she joined dozens of other women for a camping trip. Tents were set up under large, majestic trees and hammocks ere strung about. Over two days, the women did yoga, hiked, meditated, wrote in their journals and shared their life stories with one another. They were there to heal.

Before the trip, recent events shootings in New York and Texas, a rise in hate crimes, the reversal of abortion rights - were keeping Philips up at night. "What is happening here is so devastating and poisonous," she said. "I have young Black nieces and nephews to worry about."

During the pandemic, she also had to sell her business, a gym in Atlanta that she had poured her savings into, which had left her feeling defeated.

At the campsite, Philips participated in what is known as a sound bath using waves of sounds, produced with tools like metallic bowls or gongs, to meditate. "To be in nature and have those sounds surround me," she said, "there was a peacefulness and a serenity to it." It helped her feel connected to the forest, she said, and get past some of her heartbreak.

While ancient philosophers from Aristotle to Siddhartha have long known that the outdoors can be an emotional and mental balm, and scientists have repeatedly documented it, people of color have not had equal access to some of the spaces that could provide mental health benefits. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, they were systematically excluded from outdoor recreational spaces (until the 1940s and 1950s, many state and national parks had signs that read "For

# A more inclusive

# Nature being touted for mental health, but green spaces have racist histories

Whites Only") and all but scrubbed from the mythical narrative of the great American outdoors.

Today, there are some signs of change. Over the last three years, the number of Hispanic and Black people participating in outdoor activities (including hiking, jogging, fishing and camping) has increased, according to a 2021 report by the Outdoor Foundation, a nonprofit associated with an outdoor industry trade group. Participation among Asians, however, declined and most outdoor participants remain overwhelmingly white.

Organizations and online forums encouraging communities of color to step outdoors as a way to improve mental health have increasingly sprung up across the country. The Georgia campout, for instance, was organized by Outdoor Journal Tour, a group that also leads one-day hikes around the country. According to Kenya Jackson-Saulters, one of the founders, attendance this year was double that of last year.

Other similar organizations, many of which are often centered on Black, Indigenous and Hispanic communities, like Outdoor Afro and Hike Clerb, have also had a surge of participants in recent years. Tickets for hikes would sell out "within minutes" during the

pandemic, said Hike Clerb's founder, Evelyn Escobar. Because of demand, the group will be opening a New York chapter later this year.

"The growth has truly been astronomical," Escobar said. "There are so many people around the country who just want to feel a sense of belonging and be able to tap into the healing energy of a collective safe space outside."

There is a growing body of evidence for the mental health benefits of wilderness and nature-based therapy, often called ecotherapy. The first rigorous science on wilderness healing came from Japan in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Several Japanese researchers collected health data from hikers before and after short excursions into the lush forests of Japan and found that time spent in nature was correlated with reduced blood pressure and cortisol (a stress hormone) levels, better immune function and improved sleep.

Since then, other researchers have found that even smaller doses of nature, from walking down a treelined street to having an indoor plant at home, can have health benefits.

Though much of the existing ecotherapy research has not focused

on people of color, one of the reasons that experts suggest nature is effective at bolstering mental health is because of its ability to inspire awe. Awe is the sensation of being confronted by something so vast that it forces us to reconsider our understanding of the world, according to researchers Dacher Keltner and Jonathan Haidt, who published a paper on the emotion in 2010. While "vastness," at its most basic level, means physical size and beauty (the ocean or a mountain range), vastness can also refer to less tangible elements, like the depth of talent (watching an incredible musician).

One 2018 study by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, found that 124 military veterans and youths from underserved communities reported a 21% improvement in PTSD symptoms after whitewater rafting

Awe-inspiring natural spaces in the U.S., like national parks, are tarnished with racist histories, according to Tracy Perkins, an assistant professor at Arizona State University who studies social inequality and environmental justice. Many environmental conservation efforts starting in the late 1800s were led by eugenicists, like Madison Grant, to create spaces for white people to get fresh air and exercise in order "to preserve the vitality of white race," she

Seemingly simple activities, like a walk in the park, can unconsciously trigger a fight or flight response for some people, making them hypervigilant for dangers, said Laura Marques Brown, a clinician at Anchored Hope Therapy in Maryland who specializes in nature-based therapy for low-income people of color. "I remind ecotherapists, especially white ones, to consider how walking through dense woods as a Black person might feel."

Acknowledging the racist history of the outdoors is an important first step toward making people of color feel safer in nature, Marques Brown said. She, for example, begins her one-onone outdoor sessions by walking clients through the history of the Indigenous land that the clinic is on in an effort to make them feel less alienated in that natural space.

"I tell my clients that when we go outside, we are with generations of family," she said.

# Vitamin D supplements won't help your bone health, large study finds

HealthDay News

Seniors who take vitamin D supplements to improve their bone health and ward off fractures are wasting their time and money, a major new study has found.

These supplements did nothing to reduce their average risk of bone fractures, researchers found in a randomized trial testing vitamin D against a placebo.

In generally healthy adults, these results do not support the use of

vitamin D supplements to reduce fracture risk," said lead researcher Dr. Meryl LeBoff, chief of the Calcium and Bone Section at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "We found that supplemental vitamin D did not reduce fractures in U.S. partici-

In the study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, more than 25,000 older adults were randomly assigned to take either 2,000 units of vitamin D daily or a placebo, and then followed for an average of five years. The average age of participants

Nearly 2,000 bone fractures occurred among more than 1,500 participants during the study period. However, taking vitamin D appears to have had no bearing on who suffered a fracture and who didn't.

Nearly 20% of U.S. adults currently take vitamin D supplements, researchers said, often based on blood

tests that find they have "insufficient" or "deficient" levels of vitamin D.

These new results should cause doctors and patients to question the value of routine vitamin D testing, said Dr. Steven Cummings, a professor emeritus at the University of California, San Francisco.

"Doctors routinely order vitamin D levels, and many patients hear that they are low, they're below some level," said Cummings, co-author of an editorial

accompanying the findings. "What we needed to know is whether those people who have low levels benefit from taking vitamin D. And the answer to that is no."

The clinical trial could shake the vitamin D market, which is worth more than \$1 billion globally, according to market

watchers. Vitamin D had been thought to help bone health because it is essential to your body's absorption of calcium, LeBoff said



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# Monkeypox like an STD, but term has stigma

Experts concerned people will consider it 'gay disease' that poses them no risk

By Mike Stobbe Associated Press

For most of the six decades that monkeypox has been known to affect people, it was not known as a disease that spreads through sex. Now that has changed.

The current outbreak is by far the biggest involving the virus, and it's been designated a global emergency. So far, officials say, all evidence indicates that the disease has spread mainly through networks of men who have sex with men.

"It clearly is spreading as an STI (sexually transmitted infection) at this point," said Dr. Tom Inglesby, director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

To protect the people at highest risk while trying to contain the spread, public health agencies are focusing their attention on those men — and attacking the virus based on how it's behaving now.

Recently, the head of the World Health Organization advised men at risk for monkeypox to consider reducing their sexual partners "for the moment."

But this is a complicated outbreak that may shift in how it spreads and which population groups are most affected. There is also debate about whether monkeypox should be called a sexually transmitted disease, with some critics complaining that the term creates a stigma and could be used to vilify gay and bisexual men.

Monkeypox can spread in nonsexual ways too, and it's not enough to use condoms for stopping STDs, Inglesby and other experts say.

Here's what we know.

# What makes something an

A sexually transmitted disease is commonly defined as one that mainly spreads through sexual contact. But some STDs can be spread in other ways, too. HIV can spread through shared needles. Syphilis can spread through kissing. A sexual infection called trichomoniasis has been found to spread through the sharing of damp objects like sponges or towels.

Monkeypox has not usually spread easily among people, and experts are still trying to understand exactly how it moves from person to person. In Africa, where small outbreaks have been common for years, people have been infected through bites from rodents.

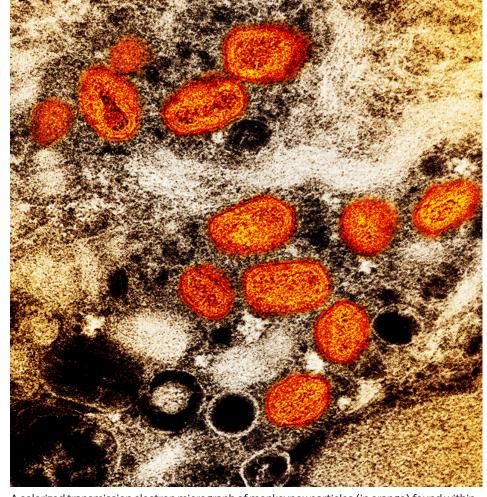
But in May, cases began emerging in Europe, the United States and elsewhere that showed a clear pattern of infection through intimate contact with an infected person, like many other sexually transmitted diseases.

The public health workers who respond to outbreaks play a large role in how they are framed. Much of the work on monkeypox has been done by professionals who operate sexual health clinics or specialize in STDs.

# Who is getting monkeypox?

WHO officials said last month that 99% of all the monkeypox cases beyond Africa were in men and that of those, 98% involved men who have sex with men. Experts suspect that monkeypox outbreaks in Europe and North America were ignited by sex at two raves in Belgium and Spain.

The statistics are the same for cases reported in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As in Europe, cases have emerged in other groups too, including at least 13 people who were female at birth and at least two children.



A colorized transmission electron micrograph of monkeypox particles (in orange) found within an infected cell (in brown). **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES** 

The New England Journal of Medicine recently published a study of hundreds of monkeypox infections in 16 countries. It found that the suspected means of transmission in 95% of the cases was sexual close contact, as reported by doctors. The researchers noted that it was impossible to confirm sexual transmission.

That idea seemed to be further supported by the finding that most of the men had lesions in the genital or anal areas or in the mouth.

# Why is there a debate about calling it an STD?

While there is broad agreement among health officials that monkeypox is being transmitted during sexual encounters, some experts debate whether it should be called an STD. They worry that the term

unfairly stigmatizes and that it could undermine efforts to identify infections and tame the outbreak.

When a disease is defined as a sexually transmitted infection that mainly affects men who have sex with men, many people may begin to think of it as "a gay disease" that poses no risk to them, said Jason Farley, an epidemiologist at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing.

That's what happened in the early days of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s, which contributed to the spread of HIV to other groups, Farley said.

"We learn nothing from our history," said Farley, who is gay.

The WHO recommendation that at-risk men limit their sexual partners is sensible public health advice, he said. But it also amplifies "the message"

that this is a gay disease," he said.

"This is the fine line between having a public health approach that focuses on the epidemiology of now, compared to the likelihood of the continued emergence of new cases in" the general community, he said.

"Monkeypox is not a sexually transmitted infection," he said. "It is an infection that can be transmitted with sexual contact."

# What is known about transmission?

Some researchers have found evidence of the monkeypox virus in semen. A study in Spain found monkeypox virus DNA in the semen of some infected men, as well as in saliva and other body fluids. But the study didn't answer whether the virus actually has spread through semen.

Sorting that out could affect the understanding of not only how men spread the infection, but also how long they might be contagious. Evidence of other viruses — like Ebola and Zika — has been found in the semen of some men months after they were thought to be recovered.

Scientists believe the primary route of transmission during the current outbreak has been skin-toskin contact during sexual encounters with someone who has symptoms.

The virus also may spread through saliva and respiratory droplets during prolonged, face-to-face contact, such as during kissing and cuddling.

Researchers are exploring how often, and in what situations, that kind of spread might happen, said Christopher Mores, a professor of global health at George Washington University.

Officials also say people can catch monkeypox from touching items that previously touched an infected person's rash or body fluids, such as towels or bedsheets. That is thought to explain the infections of the U.S. children.

# Why are these details important?

It's important to understand exactly how monkeypox spreads in order to give people the information they need to protect themselves, health officials say.

That said, health officials believe those who are currently at the highest risk are gay or bisexual men who have sex with multiple partners. That understanding has shaped much of the work to contain the outbreak.

The government has been shipping a monkey-pox vaccine, but the supply is limited. So far it's only been recommended as a post-exposure treatment or for people who have had multiple sex partners in the past two weeks in a place where monkeypox cases have been reported.

**PEOPLE'S PHARMACY** PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Pendulum swings back and forth on foods to avoid acne

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.

King Features Syndicate

O: When I was a teen

Q: When I was a teen, my acne was so bad that my pediatrician recommended seeing a dermatologist to prevent scarring. In addition to not ever eating chocolate or drinking a Coke for a few years, I used a pink lotion that the dermatologist supplied. I applied it religiously each night. After a while, my acne cleared up. The pink lotion? We discovered the key ingredient was milk of magnesia. My daughters applied regular milk of magnesia as teens, and it also worked for them. A: There was a time when

doctors told teens to avoid chocolate, sugary beverages and other high-carb foods. Then dermatologists declared that: "Dietary restriction (either specific foods or food classes) has not been demonstrated to be of benefit in the treatment of acne" (Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, April 2007). The pendulum has swung back, though. A review in the International Journal of Dermatology (June 2021) concludes: "Acne-promoting factors include high GI/GL glycemic index/load food, dairy products and chocolate, whereas acne-protective factors include fatty acids, fruit, and vegetable intake." Foods high on the glycemic index raise blood sugar quickly and include fast food, white bread, pasta, pizza, salty snacks and

We have heard from readers who found that applying the liquid laxative milk of magnesia to their faces helped clear up their acne. However, the only



Some have found that using milk of magnesia helps clear up acne, but it is not substantiated by science. **DREAMSTIME** 

reference we could find to this approach was in the Archives of Dermatology, January 1975. It was a letter to the editor rather than a research report.

Q: My daughter was prescribed Ritalin starting in preschool. She took it throughout her school years, college and graduate school. It was a fantastic medicine for her. Not only did it help with her schooling, but she became a ranked tennis player. Now her doctor says that adults don't have ADHD. He doesn't want to prescribe Ritalin. Is he right?

A: Methylphenidate

A: Methylphenidate (Ritalin) is a stimulant medication that has been widely prescribed since 1955. People do not necessarily outgrow ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder). A systematic review in the Journal of Attention Disorders (July 13, 2022) concludes that drug treatments for ADHD can improve emotional behavior in adults. Treatment may also improve work performance and reduce the risk of unemployment (JAMA Network Open, April 1,

2022). That said, prescriptions for stimulants like methylphenidate have risen sharply in recent years (BMJ Open, Aug. 13, 2021). The authors caution that anxiety, insomnia and dependence are potential adverse effects of overprescribing such drugs.

Q: One of the drugs I need is very expensive. The pharmacist told me about a website that offered a coupon. When I did, my cost for a 90-day supply went from \$500 to \$30! Now I know to look for coupons with expensive drugs.

A: Several organizations now offer coupons to save money on prescription medicines. The best known may be GoodRx. The biggest discounts are on generic drugs. Keep in mind that if you use a coupon, your insurance (and Medicare) will not contribute. You will be paying out of pocket. Moreover, anything you spend through a coupon won't count toward your deductible.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www. peoplespharmacy.com. Q&A

# Modern elbow replacements provide a solution for many

Mayo Clinic

elbow. After several failed surgeries. I have been told that my only option is elbow replacement. I've heard others say that elbow replacements do not work. Does Mayo Clinic have experience with elbowreplacements? A: Traditionally, elbow replacement has been reported to lead to complications more often than replacements of other joints, like the hip or knee. However, modern elbow replacements provide a reliable solution for many patients, and the complication rate with Mayo Clinic

Q: I have bad arthritis in my

patients has decreased. Make sure your elbow is ready for replacement. Pain and motion in arthritic elbows can be improved using a procedure called arthroscopic osteocapsular arthroplasty, where a camera is inserted in the joint and instruments are introduced to clean the joint. This procedure allows the surgeon to remove bone spurs, fragments of bone or cartilage and inflamed tissue.

Unfortunately, in many circumstances the elbow is severely damaged. Elbow replacement is the best option in these cases.

Three bones form part of the elbow joint: the arm bone, also known as the humerus; and the two bones in the forearm, the radius and ulna. The ulna and the humerus form a hinge-like joint for elbow bending and straightening. The radius supports the wrist and helps the palm of the hand rotate up and down. Elbow replacements provide a new joint between the humerus and the ulna. Typically, the procedure is performed under general anesthesia through an incision



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in the back of the elbow. The bones in the elbow are prepared to receive the implants, which are fixed with bone cement. A high-quality plastic liner forms the new joint against metal. Once the wound is healed, it takes about three months of physical therapy to restore elbow motion, and most patients' pain resolves. Complications include infection, nerve injury, tendon injury and implant wear or loosening.

Infection is particularly worrisome in people with rheumatoid arthritis who take medications that affect the immune system. It is also a concern when replacement is performed in elbows that already have been operated on several times. Efforts made to prevent infection include careful evaluation of the elbow for possible occult infection, use of antibiotics in the wound and meticu-

lous care of the wound.

To access the elbow
joint, the triceps muscle
or tendon oftentimes is
detached from the bone
or divided at the time of
replacement. The triceps
is reattached or repaired
at the end of the procedure, and it heals in most,
but not all, patients. When
the triceps does not heal,
patients may feel weakness
with activities that require

extending the elbow, such us opening a door or holding objects overhead. There are developing alternatives to deal with the triceps to minimize weakness.

Elbow implants are mechanical devices that are subject to wear and tear after years of use. Common sense would suggest avoiding use of the replaced elbow for high-demand activities, such as weight training or hard manual labor.

The good news is that people who suffer with pain and stiffness due to severe elbow arthritis are seldom disappointed with the results of elbow replacement: Pain goes away, and movement allows most activities to be performed. An elbow replacement can provide significant improvement in quality of life from the effects of arthritis. — Joaquin Sanchez-Sotelo, M.D., Ph.D., Division of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minne-

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### **CELEBRITIES**

# Dolly Parton among medal winners

From news services

Country superstar Dolly Parton, who made a big donation to help fund coronavirus vaccine research in 2020, is among this year's Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy recipients.

Also being honored are Dallas entrepreneur Lyda Hill, Kenyan industrialist Manu Chandaria, and Lynn and Stacy Schusterman, from the Oklahoma investment family.

The award, presented by the international family of Carnegie institutions to honor innovative philanthropists, debuted in 2001 and is normally awarded every two years. It was not issued in 2021 due to the pandemic. The 2022 honorees will receive their medals in a private ceremony Oct. 13 in New York.

Parton's \$1 million donation to Vanderbilt University Medical Center has received plenty of attention. But fellow honoree Hill, through her Lyda Hill Philanthropies, was also an early donor to the work that yielded the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Parton, in a statement, said she was honored to receive the Carnegie

Medal of Philanthropy. "I've always believed that if you are in a position to help, you should help, and I truly hope that I can be an inspiration for others to lift up those around them," said Parton, who makes most of her donations through her Dollywood Foundation. "Whether through my Imagination Library or giving to COVID-19 research, I try to support things that have a special meaning for me. I hope everyone can find something they're passionate about supporting and do what they can to help make this world a better place."

**Producer Yang elected** president of film academy: Producer Janet Yang has



Dolly Parton will receive the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy at a ceremony in October. ROBYN BECK/GETTY-AFP 2019

been elected president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the group's board of governors announced Tuesday, making her the first Asian American to lead the film academy. Yang, 66, becomes the fourth woman to lead the organization behind the Oscars. Elected by the academy's 54-member board, Yang succeeds outgoing president David Rubin, the casting director who is stepping down after three years due to term limits.

Warner Bros. axes 'Batgirl': Warner Bros. has axed the \$90 million "Batgirl" film planned for HBO Max. according to a person connected with the film who was not authorized to speak publicly.

The decision was highly unusual for such a highpriced and high-profile movie. But the studio ultimately decided "Batgirl" didn't merit either a streaming debut or a

theatrical release, and has instead opted to entirely write off the film starring Leslie Grace as Batgirl and co-starring Michael Keaton (returning as Batman), J.K. Simmons and Brendan Fraser.

Representatives for Warner Bros. and Warner Bros. Discovery declined to comment.

Warner Bros. also shelved "Scoob!: Holiday Haunt," an almost-completed sequel to 2020's "Scoob!" Producer and writer Tony Cervone confirmed the news in an Instagram post Tuesday.

Aug. 4 birthdays: Actor Tina Cole is 79. Actor Richard Belzer is 78. Actor Billy Bob Thornton is 67. Actor Kym Karath is 64. Actor Lauren Tom is 61. Producer Michael Gelman is 61. Actor Daniel Dae Kim is 54. Actor Michael DeLuise is 53. Rapper Yo-Yo is 51. Singer Marques Houston is 41. Actors Dylan and Cole Sprouse are 30.



# **ASK AMY**

**By Amy Dickinson** 

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# High-maintenance friend's drama draining

Dear Amy: I love my friend "Charlene," but she is the very definition of high maintenance.

She drinks too much every day — and sleeps with strangers she meets in bars. The problem then becomes that she thinks she is in a relationship with them, and is then crushed when things don't work out. And they never work out. I'm not exaggerating.

She is extremely sexual and is very vulnerable. She is desperate for an authentic and loving relationship, but men have used, abused and taken advantage of her.

She ignores every piece of advice I give her but then she expects me to be a shoulder to cry on when her life falls apart. It completely drains me.

I try to be supportive and nonjudgmental because she really is a beautiful person. She has been there for me through some tough times, but this friendship has become draining.

She is in counseling but constantly uses me to vent and cry to. I love her dearly, but I don't want to be that listening ear anymore.

It's exhausting, but I feel guilty and terrible for feeling this way.

Am I a bad friend? – Bad Friend

Dear Bad Friend: The only "bad" thing you've done is to possibly delay "Charlene's" recovery by offering advice, but not giving her the unvarnished truth.

As long as she has you as her soft and nonjudgmental place to fall, she doesn't need to face the underlying source of her drama.

Try some nonjudgmental honesty: "I'm exhausted by this drama. I've tried to help you, but I've failed.

At this point, I just hope that when you're ready to change, you will."

Dear Amy: My family and I live in my mother-in-law's house. It works out well for all. I have a concern about my mother-in-law, however.

She writes a check to pretty much any charity that asks. She doesn't give large amounts - just \$10 or \$20, for the most part. But, of course, those same charities send a never-ending barrage of mail, and now, seemingly every other charity in the country has been sold her address and sends her solicitations.

Giving to charity is not the problem. I believe many of these charities are not using her money wisely or are completely random charities in far-flung places that have nothing to do with the many causes that might actually affect her life.

We tell her that, in some cases, she's just throwing money away — that for every \$10 she sends, maybe \$1 or \$2 make it to someone in need.

We suggest that she choose one or two causes that are dear to her and give only to them, even in much larger amounts that might equal what she gives to all of these various organizations, added together.

What do you think? I've tried to look up some of these places on charity watchdog websites, but most don't even show up on them (which should maybe tell us something)! - Worried

Dear Worried: Some "charities" (and I use that term loosely) seem to exist mainly to hook generous

older people into the cycle you describe.

I use Charitynavigator .org to look into any nonprofit I'm interested in. This organization uses many different metrics to assess a charity, and its rating system has a reliable reputation.

I hope you will continue to keep a close eye on your mother-in-law's giving. Go over these solicitations with her, and as you do, look up the organization to learn more about them, and show her the results.

She has the right to do whatever she chooses with her money, but she may be the victim of exploitation – or a scam.

I urge all of you to keep your giving local! Your local animal shelter, cultural institutions, library and children's afterschool programs would all appreciate a boost. Your mother-in-law's donation would go much further, and she would have a personal connection to the institution receiving it.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your reply to "Casual?" who was dating a dad, but didn't enjoy spending time with the man's son.

I was so glad that you stood up for this boy. A child should always be the parent's priority, and anyone dating a parent should understand this. – Single Parent

Dear Single Parent:  $\boldsymbol{I}$ appreciated "Casual's" honesty regarding this situation.

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# Jackson-Cohen finds playing flawed characters therapeutic

**By Alicia Rancilio** Associated Press

Oliver Jackson-Cohen is interested in lighter roles. That doesn't mean he hasn't enjoyed the darker, sometimes scarier fare he has mostly appeared in throughout the past few years — but his mother says he needs a break.

His mom's commentary came last year when Jackson-Cohen arrived in Vancouver to film the new series "Surface." now streaming weekly on Apple TV+. She said to him, "You're not going to play one of your sad boys, are

"I went, 'What?' She said, 'You're always (expletive) sad. Do something light that I can go and enjoy watching;" Jackson-Cohen laughed. "So that sort of stuck with me."

It has been a busy few years. Jackson-Cohen's recent career highlights include Netflix's "The Haunting of Hill House" series and its follow-up "The Haunting of Bly Manor." He also terrorized Elisabeth Moss in "The Invisible Man" and played Dakota Johnson's controlling husband in "The Lost Daughter." He did get a respite, however, in this summer's rom-com "Mr. Malcom's List," an experience he describes as

"a joyful romp." In "Surface," Jackson-Cohen stars opposite Gugu Mbatha-Raw as James, a husband desperately trying to keep the pretenses of a happy marriage afloat after an accident caused his wife, Sophie (Mbatha-Raw), to lose her long-term memory. The more James tries to masquerade past problems, the more suspicious and distant Sophie

"There's something so interesting when someone's sitting on a bunch of secrets," he said. "That creates so much tension, and if you're not allowed



Oliver Jackson-Cohen stars as James in "Surface." APPLETV+

to say certain things and you're holding so much back, it can be read in a multitude of different ways. Hopefully it's worked and it does come across as overprotective or controlling or whatever it is — or sinister. But hopefully, you know, as the show goes on and the layers are sort of peeled, you realize what is all underneath that."

Veronica West, the creator and showrunner of "Surface," says it's the balance of mystique and likeability that makes "something super special about Olly's performance" in the series.

"He's got an intensity that can feel very dangerous, but also extremely charismatic and magnetic and draw you in. I remember the first time we got to meet in person. There was a song playing, and he started doing a little shoulder dance, and I was like, 'That is the most goofy, charming thing on earth.' And we ended up writing it (in a scene), he seems a little bit menacing in the subtext, but also has this

immense charm to him. I

think that's the duality of

Jackson-Cohen says he finds that playing flawed people is therapeutic.

"I don't know what it says about me, but I'm drawn to the pain that's in people," Jackson-Cohen said. "I find the release of that incredibly comforting, which sounds so messed up. It really does feel like an outlet, which sounds like a complete and utter actor."

For now, Jackson-Cohen is back in Vancouver filming a series for Amazon Prime Video called "Wilderness" opposite Jenna Coleman, which he describes as "not lighthearted at all." Next up, he's hoping there will be another season of "Surface," which he enjoys, in part, because he has known Mbatha-Raw for

"I did one of my first ever jobs with Gugu when I was 19," Jackson-Cohen said. "We did like an episode of some very questionable BBC thing, we've known each other since then, and she's such a wonderful human being."

# **HOROSCOPES**

Aries (March 21-April **19):** You might finally be ready to stick to an orderly routine. That said, raw effort isn't all it takes. When you're realistic about the situation's limitations, you can plan in a way that won't leave you feeling disappointed.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A current passion project can be rewarding. While you could achieve a better product than usual under this influence, sharing your joy with a friend could make your enthusiasm more rewarding. You're also better at explaining techniques to someone new, making for a solid collaborator for the future.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): There could be a lot of activity in your home now. Trying to maintain control might get you the outcome you want, but making yourself responsible for every little thing will probably be more trouble than it's worth. Know when to stop, and learn to appreciate delegating.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Saying anything is probably better than saying nothing at present, but speaking from the heart could be a special treat. You're well-equipped to catch up on any backlog of correspondence. Telling someone something they didn't expect to hear is likely to succeed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You can thoughtfully create a budget. Stay aware of things already working in your favor. However, be realistic about the demands of your home. Even if you aren't happy with the power dynamics there, you're better off working with them rather than against them.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The world might temporarily understand why the details you're usually concerned about are so important. You can seize the moment to convince others to help with things you've had on the back burner. There's no need to manipulate anyone to get them on your side. Just ask directly for what you want.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The messages you need most may come from within you on this day. An important subject for your first reading could be your financial prospects. You're currently ideally positioned to uncover any emotional inhibitions that are stopping you from making sensible choices.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Loneliness could become a thing of the past. You may suddenly be hearing from many friends and acquaintances. Though you might come off a bit more emotional than usual in your interactions, letting people see the real you will probably be good for those relationships.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The path toward your goals could become a little too obvious right now. The next step might be confronting whatever inhibitions blocked you from noticing these options sooner. Understanding how you let things slip by you can help you prevent that mistake later on.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Going along with business as usual isn't likely to satisfy you at the moment. You may find it urgent to understand what makes the whole world tick. Exploring your biggest ideas on an online forum could be rewarding. Your ideal community is out there, even if it isn't physically close to you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. **18):** Understanding topics that normally intimidate you might be possible at this time, such as what will happen to you after you die or how to pay off some credit card debt. The confidence you gain from taking a look at any heavy stuff can make your major life goals seem easier.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Close companionship is likely compelling for you at the moment. Your beliefs about the world could be an important topic to address. Even incorrect assumptions on a more personal level are capable of getting in the way of your connection. You can handle the truth.

# TODAY IN **HISTORY**

Associated Press

On Aug. 4, 1830, plans for the city of Chicago were laid out.

In 1964, the bodies of missing civil rights workers Michael Schwerner. Andrew Goodman and

James Chaney were found buried in an earthen dam in Mississippi.

In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission voted 4-0 to abolish the Fairness Doctrine. which required radio and television stations to present balanced coverage of controversial issues.

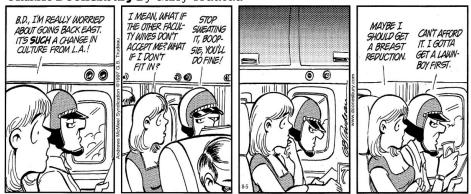
**In 2019,** a masked gunman fired on revelers enjoying summer nightlife in a popular entertainment district of Dayton, Ohio, leaving nine people dead and 27 wounded.

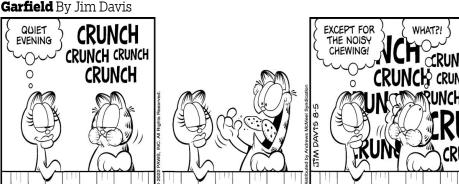
**In 2020,** nearly 3,000 tons of ammonium nitrate that had been improperly stored for years in the port of Beirut, Lebanon, exploded, killing more than 200 people; it was one of the largest non-nuclear explosions ever recorded.

## Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



## **Classic Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau





Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly

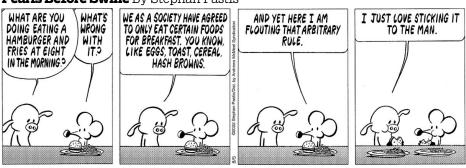




**Dustin** By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis



**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



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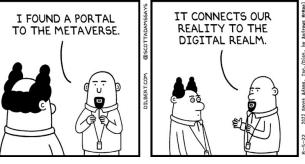
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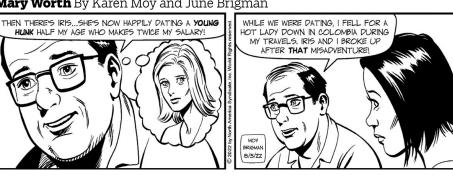


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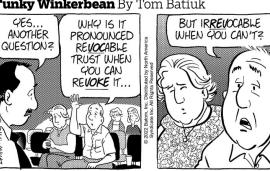
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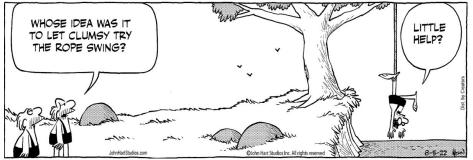








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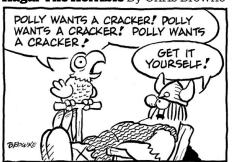


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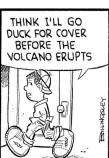


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- carrot 46 Curling piece
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- 65 See 17-Across 66 Farm song mark
- refrain 67 Jetson who attends
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# **BRIDGE**

### BY STEVE BECKER

# **Bidding Quiz**

By Jake Houston

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Five Diamonds doubled. The bidding has go

one:			
North	East	South	West
1♥	Dble	3♥	4♦
4♥	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Dble			
North lea	ads the nin	e of clubs. Ho	w would

- you play the hand? WEST EAST **♦**4 **AQ752 ♥**65
- ♦ K 10 9 4 ♦QJ8652 ♣ QJ1084 ♣ A K 2. You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Diamonds, and North leads the king of hearts. How would you play the hand?
- (Assume the trumps are divided 3-1.) WEST **EAST**
- **♦**KJ2 **A** 8 5 **♥**10764
- ♦AKQJ85 ♦1097 **AQJ6** ♣K72

1. The bidding clearly indicates that North has the ace of diamonds, and the club lead has all the earmarks of a singleton. If you were to play a trump at trick two, you'd run the risk of North winning with the ace and putting South on lead with a heart to make the killing club

To try to stop this from occurring, you should cash the ace of spades at trick two and continue with the queen! Assuming South follows low, which is highly likely, you discard your singleton heart on the spade queen. This play costs you nothing; it merely substitutes a spade loser for a heart loser.

North takes the queen with the king but now has no way to put South on lead to get a club return. As a result, you get home in a blaze of glory, and North is left to rue doubling you with a hand such as: ♠ KJ86 ♥ AK8432 ♦ A3 ♣ 9.

2. By far the best play is to attempt a dummy reversal, which depends essentially on no worse than a 3-1 trump division. This will enable you to avoid having to rely on a spade finesse, which would give you only an even chance of making the grand slam.

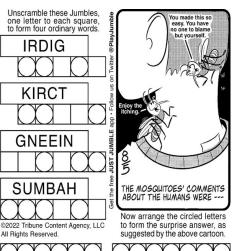
Ruff North's heart lead with the jack, play the five of trump to the seven, ruff the six of hearts with the queen, play the eight of trump to the nine and ruff the seven of hearts with the king. Next lead a low club to the king and ruff the ten of hearts with your last trump, the ace.

Now cross to the ace of spades and draw the only missing trump with dummy's ten, discarding your jack of spades in the process. The result of all these fancy maneuvers is that you score the last four tricks with your king of spades and A-Q-J of clubs. The thirteen tricks consist of two spades, four clubs and seven -- count them -- trump tricks.

Tomorrow: It's magic. (c)2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.

# **JUMBLE**

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



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Answer: A conversation between the pennies included their — TWO CENTS WORTH

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS** 

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE** 

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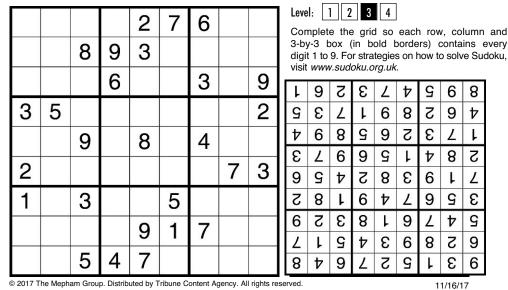
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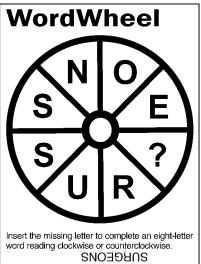
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### **BOGGLE**





### **WORD SEARCH**

Wordsearch: Snakes

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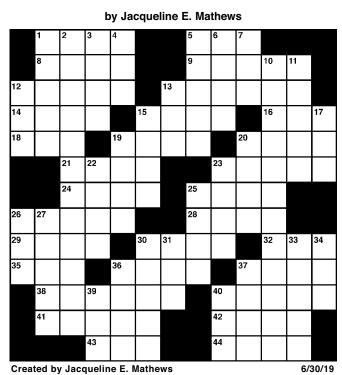
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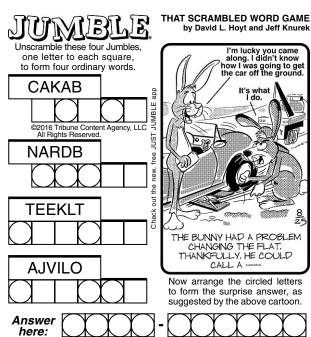
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- 15 Bennett or Randall 16 "\_\_ Amsterdam"
- 18 "Murder, \_\_ Wrote"
  19 Dad on "Little People, Big World"
- 20 "Two \_\_ Half Men"
  21 "\_\_, Caesar!"; George Clooney film
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- 3 Oman's continent 4 Actor Brian of "Chicago Med"
- of a Woman"; Al Pacino film 6 "Now \_\_ me down to sleep..."
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- 11 Nourishes 12 Fleur-de-
- 13 "A \_\_ Like Love"; Amanda Peet movie
- 15 Able to reach high shelves 17 "Every Which \_\_ but Loose" 19 Farrow & Sara
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- 34 Have debts 36 Leg joint
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- 39 And so forth: abbr. 40 Classic Pontiac

## **JUMBLE**



The bunny had a problem changing the flat. Answer: Thankfully, he could call a — JACK-RABBIT

# **ARROW WORDS**

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Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

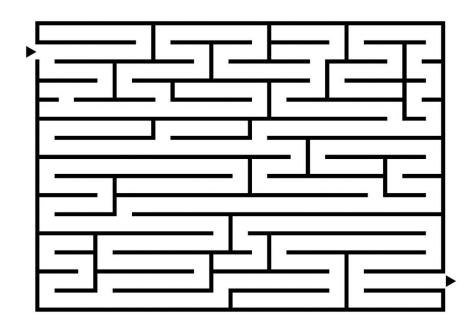
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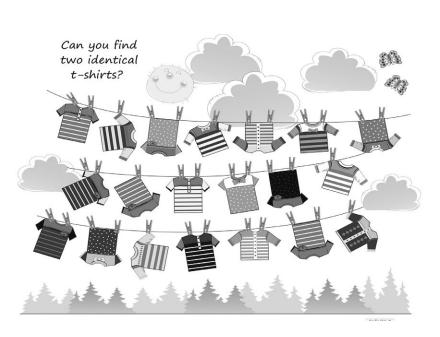
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is seeking public comment on an
Amendment to its Administrative Plan for
the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for SFY 22-23

An Amendment to the State of Connecticut Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program is available for public review and comment. This Plan is a tool for administering and managing the federal Section 8 voucher programs of the State of Connecticut Department of Housing. These programs include the Housing Choice Voucher, both tenant-based and project-based, Family Unification, Mainstream Housing Opportunities Program for Persons with Disabilities and the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program.

State residents are invited to provide input/comment on the Amended Plan. The Amended Plan is available for viewing at the Department of Housing website, www.ct.gov/doh under Notices and Publications, or by appointment by contacting the Department of Housing at 860-270-8260.

Written comments must be sent to the attention of Michael Santoro, Director of the Office of Policy Research and Housing Support, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7107 or by email to CT.Housing.Plans@ct.gov through midnight on Saturday, September 17th, 2022.

Department of Housing programs are administered in a nondiscriminatory man-ner, consistent with equal employment opportunities, affirmative action, and fair housing requirements. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for information in ative formats must be directed ADA (504) Coordinator at 860-270-8022. 8/4/2022 7261893

**Bid Notice** 

All bid notices for the Town of West Hartford are available at www.WestHartfordCT.gov/Bids. Bid notices may also be obtained through public access computers at any Town library, Questions may be directed to the Town at 860-561-7470 8/4, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25/22 7261375

NOTIFICATION OF AQUATIC TREATMENT BUNGEE LAKE - WOODSTOCK, CT

In accordance with the Connecticut DEEP, Pesticide Division notification requirements, portions of Bungee Lake will be chemically treated with US EPA/ CT DEEP registered herbicides and algaecides to control nuisance aquatic vegetation on Tuesday, August 09, 2022. Bungee Lake will be treated with Nautique and Copper Sulfate. There are no water use restrictions associated with this treatment.

This work is being performed for the Lake Bungee Tax District. Treatments are conducted pursuant to permits issued by the CT DEEP Information on the specific date of application may be obtained from the person named below. The treatment is being performed by the state licensed firm SOLItude Lake Management of Shrewsbury, MA. Contact: SOLItude Lake Management 508-865-1000.
8/4/2022 7264431

Notice to Vendors

Sealed solicitations will be received by

Sealed solicitations will be received by the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA) on behalf of its 29 State Member Agencies until: 1:30 p.m. ET, Tuesday, September 13, 2022 Bids: 023-A Maintenance, Repair, and Operations; 023-B Custodial Supplies and Equipment; 023-C Office Supplies Catalog; 023-D School & Instructional Supplies; and 023-G Athletic Equipment & Supplies

RFPs: 023-E Technology Buyback and 023-F Audio Visual Integration

responses shall be submitted online All responses shall be submitted online via Public Purchase by the due date and time listed above. AEPA documents can be downloaded at no cost after registering on Public Purchase at www.publicpurchase.com. Note that Vendors must be able to provide their proposed products and services in up to 29 states.

Solicitations will be publicly opened after 1:30 p.m. ET on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at Lakes Country Service Cooperative, 1001 E Mt. Faith, Fergus Falls, MN 55637. An opening record will be posted to AFPACO/POOPs. 8/2, 8/3 & 8/4/22 7253533

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS & PROPOSALS
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Connecticut

Bid #090722

The Danbury War Memorial Association, Inc. is inviting the submission of qualifications and proposals from firms interested in providing architectural services for State of CT grant funded building improvements.

A copy of the complete Scope of Work can be obtained by contacting the Danbury War Memorial at (203) 743-3932.

A mandatory Pre-Bid conference for bidders will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at the Danbury War Memorial, Main Lobby, 1 Memorial Drive, Danbury, CT. Bids from firms who do not attend this mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will not be considered.

Interested firms are requested to submit five (5) original copies of qualification packages and proposals and requested information to the Treasurer, Danbury War Memorial, 1 Memorial Drive, Danbury, CT during normal office hours by no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

The Danbury War Memorial Association is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.

Envelopes should be marked: Bid #090722 "Qualifications & Proposal – Architectural Services for Danbury War Memorial Building

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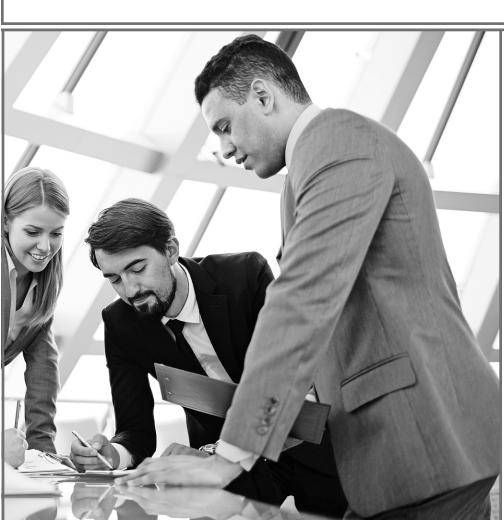
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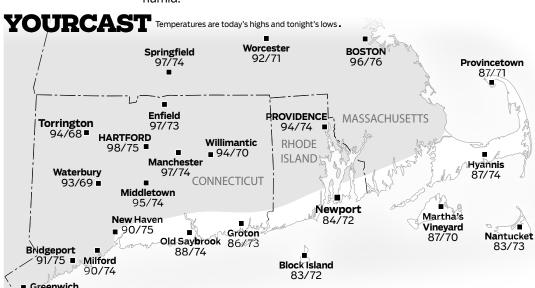


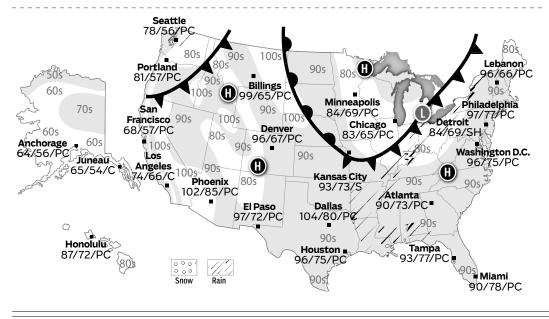
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## **OUTLOOK**

You may have noticed that the shadows cast by tall buildings and trees have lengthened quite a bit since the longest days of June, but that will do little in the next 48 hours to stop the state from having high temperatures and humidity levels. There is a Heat Advisory in effect from 11 a.m. Thursday until 8 p.m. Friday for Heat Index values between 100 and 105 degrees both days. Also, if the forecasted high in the Greater Hartford area reaches 98 degrees today it will not only break the daily record of 96 degrees set back in 1928 and again in 1944, but it will also be the hottest day so far this year. -Gary Lessor

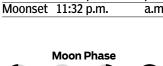
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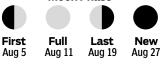
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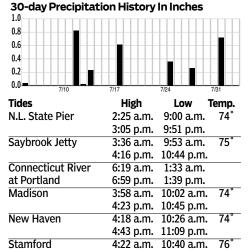
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# SPORTS

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**VIN SCULLY** 1927-2022

# Iconic voice of the Dodgers for 67 years

By Beth Harris Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Hall of Fame broadcaster Vin Scully, whose dulcet tones provided the soundtrack of summer while entertaining and informing Dodgers fans in Brooklyn and Los Angeles for 67 years, died Tuesday night. He was 94.

Scully died at his home in the Hidden Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles, the team announced after being informed by family members. No cause of death was provided.

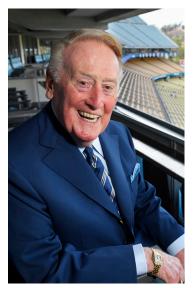
"He was the best there ever was," pitcher Clayton Kershaw said after the Dodgers' game in San Francisco. "Just such a special man. I'm grateful and thankful I got to know him as well as I did."

As the longest tenured broadcaster with a single team in pro sports history, Scully saw it all and called it all. He began in the 1950s era of Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson, on to the 1960s with Don Drysdale and Sandy Koufax, into the 1970s with Steve Garvey and Don Sutton, and through the 1980s with Orel Hershiser and Fernando Valenzuela. In the 1990s, it was Mike Piazza and Hideo Nomo, followed by Kershaw, Manny Ramirez and Yasiel Puig in the 21st century.

"You gave me my Wild Horse name. You gave me love. You hugged me like a father," tweeted Puig, the talented Cuban-born outfielder who burned brightly upon his Dodgers debut in 2013. "I will never forget you, my heart is broken."

The Dodgers changed players, managers, executives, owners — and even coasts — but Scully and his soothing, insightful style remained a constant for the fans.

He opened broadcasts with the



Vin Scully is all smiles prior to a 2016 game between the Dodgers and Giants in Los Angeles. MARK J. TERRILL/AP

familiar greeting, "Hi, everybody, and a very pleasant good evening to you wherever you may be."

Ever gracious both in person and on the air, Scully considered himself merely a conduit between the game and the fans.

Turn to Scully, Page 2

**MARINERS 7, YANKEES 3** 

# Cole roughed up by Mariners in 1st

**By Kristie Ackert** New York Daily News

NEW YORK — In the wake of a very active 48 hours leading into the trade deadline, GM Brian Cashman and manager Aaron Boone were talking about all they added to make this a champion-ship-caliber team. In the clubhouse, there was a moment of adjustment and recognition that losing Jordan Montgomery was a hit to the roster, before looking ahead to the addition of front-line starter Frankie Montas.

Still, the loss of Montgomery on the heels of trading away top pitching prospects, leads to the obvious question of whether they have enough pitching to make a legitimate run at a World Series title. Wednesday, facing off against Luis Castillo, who the Yankees had tried to acquire,

Gerrit Cole didn't exactly give the Bombers much confidence. Cole got hammered in the first inning and the Yankees could not dig their way out, falling to the Mariners 7-3 at the Stadium.

It was the second straight loss

for the Yankees (70-36) and they

dropped the series to the Mari-

ners (57-49), who are a legitimate American League playoff contender. It was the first series in the last 10 against the Yankees that the Mariners have won. Cole went six innings, which was surprising after a disastrous first He allowed six runs just one

was surprising after a disastrous first. He allowed six runs, just one shy of his season-high, on seven hits, including three home runs. He walked one and struck out eight.

Cole gave up all six runs in the first inning, the most he has ever

Turn to Yankees, Page 2

**UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** 

# AKNEE TO THE GUT



UConn's Paige Bueckers and her teammates run toward teammate Dorka Juhasz after defeating North Carolina State, 91-87, in an NCAA Bridgeport Regional final March 28 at Total Mortgage Arena, Bridgeport. The Huskies face a new daunting challenge this week with the news that Bueckers will have to miss the 2022-23 season. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT** 

Huskies suffer worst news possible as star Paige Bueckers suffers ACL tear, will miss season



Dom Amore

The iPhone shook and the email popped up at 3:17 p.m. On a nondescript summer day what could the UConn women's basketball program be announcing? A scheduling change, a new NIL deal, a bit of routine house-

keeping?

If only. With the first glance, the first three words in the message field were "Paige Bueckers suffers ..." and you knew nothing good would follow. Opened up, the gut punch followed, "... torn ACL, will miss 2022-23 season."

In time, the perspective will set in. Basketball players all too often tear ACLs, miss seasons, recover and return good as new, or close to it. Just last week, I remembered covering a UConn women's tournament game in Cincinnati in 1999, watching from across the court as Sue Bird, at the end of her freshman year, walked along the baseline on crutches and tried to smile as she recovered from her torn ACL. I remembered that, in fact, as I watched Bird, nearly a quarter century later, still doing Sue Bird things at 41 in her last WNBA game in Connecticut.

**Turn to Amore,** Page 4

**On A1:** More on the season-ending injury to UConn women's basketball's top player.

# UCONN FOOTBALL

# Optimism high for defense infused with energy from transfers and new coaches

By Joe Arruda Hartford Courant

STORRS — UConn junior defensive lineman Eric Watts walked to practice Tuesday with his new teammate, University of Kentucky transfer Marquez Bembry. He always does.

They work out together and push

each other. They're roommates.

Bembry, who will likely join forces with last year's leading tackler Jackson Mitchell at linebacker, totaled 37 tackles in 24 games played at Kentucky and established himself as a leader quickly

after joining the team in January.
"He's doing what he needs to do

and you can tell the younger guys look up to him," Watts said. "He's trying to help everybody. He helps me, and if he needs my help, I help him."

One of the oldest and longest-tenured college football players on UConn's roster, Bembry played one season at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Mississippi, after high school. He recorded 36 tackles as a redshirt freshman in 2018, helping the Bobcats to a 10-2 record. Bembry then transferred and played three seasons at Kentucky, choosing the Wildcats over Ole Miss and Tennessee.

Tennessee.

Bembry is one of several trans-

fers that UConn hopes will give them a boost this season after the Huskies ranked near the bottom of the FBS in several statistics last year, including rushing and passing yards allowed per game as well as points allowed per game

points allowed per game.

"We stay on each other, make sure we're on top of our stuff. We come in together and just work as hard as we can because we know it's a lot of stuff we've got to get done," said Watts, who totaled 39 tackles, six for loss, one-half sack, one fumble recovery and eight quarterback hurries in 10 games for the Huskies last season.

**Turn to UConn,** Page 4



Former Kentucky linebacker Marquez Bembry (42), chasing Mississippi State quarterback Will Rogers (2), could make an impact on the UConn defense this season. **ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP** 

## **UP NEXT**

Patriots: Preseason: Giants, August 11, 7 p.m. Giants: Preseason: at. Patriots, August 11, 7 p.m. Jets: Preseason: at Eagles, August 12, 7:30 p.m. Red Sox: at Royals, Thursday, 8 p.m.; at Royals, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Royals, Saturday, 7

Yankees: at Cardinals, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Cardinals, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Cardinals, Sunday, 2 p.m. Mets: Atlanta, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Atlanta, Friday, 7 p.m.; Atlanta (2), Saturday, 1 & 7

p.m. Yard Goats: at Reading, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Reading, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Reading, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Sun: Mercury, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Sky, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Sparks, Tuesday, 10:30 p.m. Hartford Athletic: at Memphis, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Indy, August 13, 7 p.m.; Miami, August 20, 7 p.m.

### TV/RADIO

**BASEBALL 12:30 p.m.:** Milwaukee Brewers at Pittsburgh Pirates. (Live) MLB 3:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB 7 p.m.: Tampa Bay Rays at Detroit Tigers. (Live) FS1 7 p.m.: Atlanta Braves at New York Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880. 7:30 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays

at Minnesota Twins. (Live) SPRTNFT 8 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at

Kansas City Royals. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080. 10 p.m.: Regional Coverage.

(Live) MLB **BASKETBALL** 7 p.m.: WNBA }Phoenix Mercury at Connecticut Sun.

(Live) ESPN2 **FOOTBALL** 8 p.m.: Jacksonville Jaguars

vs Las Vegas Raiders. (Live)

6 a.m.: 2022 AIG Women's Open First Round. (Live)

9:30 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Cazoo Open, First Round. (Live) GOLF 2 p.m.: Wyndham Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF

6 p.m.: Utah Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF 2 a.m.: 2022 AIG Women's Open First Round. (Taped)

# HOCKEY

**9 a.m.:** Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers. (Taped) NHL

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Pittsburgh Penguins. (Taped)

4:30 p.m.: Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers. (Taped) NHL **LACROSSE** 

9 p.m.: Athletes Unlimited Lacrosse Team Moreno (Gold) vs. Team Johansen (Purple). (Live) ESPN2 **RUGBY** 

2:30 p.m.: Hull Kingston Rovers vs Toulouse Olympique. (Live) FSP 4 a.m.: NRL Rugby Melbourne Storm vs Gold Coast Titans. (Live) FSP

# Mets activate Givens and Ruf

By Matthew Roberson New York Daily News

WASHINGTON, D.C. Before Wednesday's rubber match in D.C., the Mets activated their two Tuesday trade pieces.

Mychal Givens and Darin Ruf were in the clubhouse meeting their new co-workers, and both were available to play in the game. Ruf, the ex-Giant, had to fly in from California. He got to the team hotel at six in the morning, took a nap, then headed straight to Nationals Park. Givens was with the Cubs in St. Louis, making for a much more doable travel schedule.

When both of them arrived, they walked into a first-place team adding more experience to an already veteran group, one that Ruf noted "was a team you didn't want to play" when watching from afar.

"It's emotional, but I'm excited at the same time," Ruf said. "What an opportunity, to come to a great team and a great organization, we'll play these last few months of the regular season and hopefully make a deep postseason run. I know this team has very high, lofty goals."

"Going to a contender, and being back with Buck, who was my manager as a rookie, it's kind of exciting," Givens said. "When I saw that he was manager of the Mets I told people that they were going to have a good manager and they were going to contend. Look where they're at right

Givens last pitched on July 29, but Showalter said he's not one of those guys that has to pitch on a strict schedule in order to stay sharp. While Ruf says that there haven't been any formal conversations between him and the team as far as defining a role, Ruf obviously understands that platooning against lefties will be a big part of his

"If that's the role that I'm in right now — to start and to help and that's how it continues - that would be awesome," Ruf said. "But you never know how your role changes throughout the year."

Going from one team to another in the full swing of a season is certainly a role change. But people like Ruf and Givens, who have over 10 years of combined MLB service time, were prepared for anything the game threw at them.

"Nothing's really shocking," Ruf said.

"We're moving forward," Givens stated. "Now that I'm with the Mets, we're trying to win a World Series.

Of course, there's also some fun to be had on a division-leading team with the affable Showalter in charge.

"Some of the stuff you see online, the guys like having a little bit of fun with him," Ruf noticed about Showalter. "He has fun with them right back. I think that's a great way to promote winning. It seems to be working here."

## **BASEBALL LATE TUESDAY**

# Haggerty hits pinch homer, Mariners hang on to beat Yankees 8-6

Associated Press

Pinch-hitter Sam Haggerty opened the seventh inning with a go-ahead homer, Andrés Muñoz escaped a basesloaded jam in the ninth and the Seattle Mariners hung on for a 8-6 victory over the Yankees on Tuesday night in New York after blowing a four-run lead.

The switch-hitting Haggerty batted for lefthanded hitting Jarred Kelenic against left-hander Lucas Luetge (3-4) and broke a 6-6 tie by lifting a 1-0 cutter into the left-field

Red Sox 2, Astros 1: At Houston, Rafael Devers homered with two RBIs in his return from the injured list to lead Boston.

Devers didn't show any signs of rust in his return after sitting out since July 23 with inflammation in his right hamstring. He hit an RBI double in the fourth inning before hitting a tie-breaking solo homer

with two outs in the sixth inning to help Boston to its third straight victory.

Nationals 5, Mets 1: At Washington, Jacob deGrom dazzled in his first major league start in more than a year, allowing one run on three hits and striking out six in five innings before a bullpen meltdown cost New York. Sidelined for the second

half of last season by an elbow injury and shut down late in spring training because of a stress reaction in his right scapula, deGrom got a standing ovation from a crowd full of Mets fans prior to his first game back in almost 13 months. Serenaded with applause when he delivered a 99 mph fastball on his first meaningful pitch since July 7, 2021, deGrom threw 46 of 59 for strikes before coming out of the game around the time the team planned for. He averaged 99.7 mph on 31 fastballs, throwing 13 in triple digits and topping out at

101.6 mph.

university's radio station. At age 22, he was hired

in 1991 — and 18 no-hitters.

He also was on the air when Don Drysdale set his scoreless innings streak of 583 innings in 1968 and again when Hershiser broke the record with 59 consecutive scoreless innings 20 years later.



Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts hits a home run against the Astros during the ninth inning on Wednesday in Houston. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

**ASTROS 6, RED SOX 1** 

# **Mancini** homers as Astros cruise

Associated Press

HOUSTON - Trey Mancini homered in his first start for Houston to back a sterling performance by Jose Urquidy, and the Astros beat the Boston Red Sox 6-1 Wednesday.

Mancini, who was traded from Baltimore on Monday to bolster the offense with first baseman Yuli Gurriel struggling, grounded out as a pinch-hitter in his Astros debut Tuesday night.

Things went much better in his first at-bat Wednesday, when he knocked a pitch from Rich Hill (4-5) into the seats in left field for a two-run shot that made it 4-0 with no outs in the second inning. Urquidy (10-4) allowed

two hits and tied a career high with 10 strikeouts in seven shutout innings. He retired the first 13 batters before plunking Alex Verdugo with one out in the fifth. He sat down the next two batters in that inning before Reese McGuire got Boston's first hit on a single to open the sixth.

Tommy Pham doubled with two outs in the inning, but Urquidy struck out Rafael Devers to end the threat.

Jose Altuve tied a career high with four hits to allow Houston to avoid a sweep after losing the first two games of the series. It was the 34th four-hit game of Altuve's career, tying him with Craig Biggio for most in team history.

Hill struggled in his return from the injured list, with the Astros jumping on him for six hits and four runs in three innings. He had been out since July 1 with a sprained left knee.

Brayan Bello took over for Hill but got just two outs before leaving with a strained left groin.

The Astros took an early lead when Altuve scored on a groundout by Yordan Alvarez in the first. Houston made it 2-0 when Alex Bregman drove in a run on a sacrifice fly.

Kyle Tucker extended the lead to 6-0 with a two-run double in the fifth inning.

**Notes:** Christian Vázquez also got his first start at catcher for the Astros after a trade from Boston on Monday. He didn't fare well against his former team, going 0 for 4 with a strikeout, although he did navigate Urquidy through his gem. Will Smith, traded from Atlanta on Tuesday, made his Houston debut in the ninth. He allowed a solo home run to Devers. ... New Red Sox first baseman Eric Hosmer, acquired in a trade with San Diego on Tuesday, is expected to join the team in the opener of a four-game set at Kansas City on Thursday night. Nick Pivetta (8-8, 4.47 ERA) will oppose Kansas City's Kris Bubic (2-6, 5.45).

# **YANKEES**

# Trade deadline moves shake up rotation and bullpen

**By Kristie Ackert** New York Daily News

NEW YORK - The Yankees were busy up to the MLB trade deadline, including making a shocking last-minute deal to send Jordan Montgomery to the Cardinals for an injured outfielder. Only time will tell if the Bombers are better after their flurry of deals, but meet the players the Yanks added in the final 48 hours.

# Frankie Montas — starting

pitcher, Oakland A's 4-9, 3.18 ERA, 1.137 WHIP, 109 K's, 28 BB, 104.2 IP: The 29-year-old Montas will join the Yankees in St. Louis and likely make his debut with them Sunday against the Cardinals. With one more season of team control, there were concerns about the shoulder issues that kept Montas out of games this year. The Yankees scouted him consistently after that and are confident those are in his past. "His velocity returned

to expected levels," a scout who saw him twice after the shoulder issues said.

### Lou Trivino — relief pitcher, Oakland A's 10 saves, 6.47 ERA, 1.875

WHIP, 45 K's, 14 BB, 32.1 IP: Don't let the ERA fool you, Trivino played on a bad Athletics team with really poor defense behind him. His FIP of 3.83 is a better indication of the pitcher he is. He has the highest K% (28.9) and the lowest BB% (8.8) of his career.

"Way undervalued. Much better than his numbers," an AL scout who saw Trivino several times this season. "Solid setup man, especially against right-handed hitters. He has been overworked the past couple of years."

Scott Effross — relief pitcher, Chicago Cubs 1 save, 2.66 ERA, 1.068 WHIP, 50 K's, 11 BB, 44.2 IP: The 28-year-old rookie who came over from the Cubs made a decision in 2019 to start dropping his arm down into different release points and his career took off from there. With 47 appearances this season. Effross is tied for the most in the majors. He's been effective, especially against lefty hitters, which he has held to a .129 batting average against.

### Harrison Bader — outfielder, St. Louis Cardinals

.256/.303/.370, .673 OPS: The 28-year-old native of Bronxville is considered one of the elite center fielders in the game. He has a career 47 defensive runs saved rating from FanGraphs and a 15 last season. Bader, however, has played just 72 games this season because of plantar fasciitis, which has him in a walking boot for at least another week.

# Scully

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"His voice played a memorable role in some of the greatest moments in the history of our sport," Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said. "I am proud that Vin was synonymous with baseball because he embodied the very best of our national pastime."

After the Dodgers' 9-5 win, the Giants posted a Scully tribute on the videoboard.

"There's not a better storyteller and I think everyone considers him family," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "He was in our living rooms for many generations. He lived a fantastic life, a legacy that will live on forever."

Although he was paid by the Dodgers, Scully was unafraid to criticize a bad play or a manager's decision, or praise an opponent while spinning stories against a backdrop of routine plays and noteworthy achievements. He always said he wanted to see things with his eyes, not his heart.

"We have lost an icon," team president and CEO Stan Kasten said. "His voice will always be heard and etched in all of our minds forever."

Vincent Edward Scully was born Nov. 29, 1927, in the Bronx. He was the son of a silk salesman who died of pneumonia when Scully was 7. His mother moved the family to Brooklyn, where the red-haired, blue-eyed Scully grew up playing stickball in the streets.

As a child, Scully would grab a pillow, put it under the family's four-legged radio and lay his head directly under the speaker to hear whatever college football game was on the air. With a snack of saltine crackers and a glass of milk nearby, the boy was transfixed by the crowd's roar that raised goosebumps. He thought he'd like to call the action himself.

Scully, who played outfield for two years on the Fordham University baseball team, began his career by working baseball, football and basketball games for the

by a CBS radio affiliate in Washington, D.C.

He soon joined Hall of Famer Red Barber and Connie Desmond in the Brooklyn Dodgers' radio and television booths. In 1953, at age 25, Scully became the youngest person to broadcast a World Series game, a mark that still stands.

He moved west with the Dodgers in 1958. Scully called three perfect games - Don Larsen in the 1956 World Series, Sandy Koufax in 1965 and Dennis Martinez

# **Yankees**

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allowed in an inning. Adam Frazier hit a leadoff single off him and he walked Jesse Winkler. Eugenio Suarez crushed a hanging slider for a three-run homer to left field. Carlos Santana turned on a fourseam fastball for a solo shot. It was the second time this season the Mariners have hit homers in back-to-back

But they were not done. After getting Kyle Lewis to strikeout, former Mets' prospect Jarred Kelenic hammered a changeup for a two-run shot, his fourth of the season.

Cole has allowed 14 earned runs in his last 18 innings pitched.

The concern going forward after dealing away Montgomery and the majority of the high-level minor league pitching depth, is that the Yankees have to have this rotation



Yankees pitcher Gerrit Cole, left, has a mound conference with catcher Kyle Higashioka and pitching coach Matt Blake in the first inning against the Mariners on Wednesday in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/AP

get through the rest of the season healthy and effec-

There is not a lot of depth left.

"I mean, definitely, especially after taking Monty off our team that knocks into our depth a little bit but we're able to add Frankie Montas, which is, which is pretty good," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "Clarke's going down to try and get stretched out a little bit to give us some more depth. We feel good about where Sevy's going to be eventually.

"We're definitely a little fitter based on yesterday's move, but, hopefully if we remain healthy, we feel like we're going to be in a really good spot, heading down the stretch and what we hope is into the playoffs and beyond."

### BASEBALL

# AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	70	36	.660	_	_	5-5	L-2	41-15	29-21
Toronto	58	46	.558	11	+3	7-3	L-1	34-21	24-25
Tampa Bay	55	49	.529	14	_	3-7	W-1	33-21	22-28
Baltimore	54	51	.514	15 ½	1 ½	7-3	W-3	29-20	25-31
Boston	53	53	.500	17	3	5-5	L-1	26-27	27-26
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	НОМЕ	AWAY
Minnesota	55	49	.529	_	_	5-5	W-1	29-23	26-26
Cleveland	54	50	.519	1	1	6-4	W-1	27-20	27-30
Chicago	53	51	.510	2	2	7-3	W-2	25-29	28-22
Detroit	42	64	.396	14	14	4-6	L-1	25-27	17-37
Kansas City	41	64	.390	14 ½	14 ½	3-7	L-2	22-30	19-34
WEST	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	НОМЕ	AWAY
Houston	68	38	.642	_	_	4-6	W-1	34-17	34-21
Seattle	57	49	.538	11	+1	6-4	W-2	27-23	30-26
Texas	46	58	.442	21	9	3-7	L-3	21-29	25-29
Los Angeles	44	59	.427	22 1/2	10 ½	5-5	W-1	24-30	20-29
Oakland	39	66	.371	28 1/2	16 ½	6-4	L-3	17-33	22-33

# NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	65	38	.631	_	-	7-3	L-1	31-17	34-21
Atlanta	63	42	.600	3	+61/2	6-4	L-1	37-22	26-20
Philadelphia	56	48	.538	9 1/2	-	7-3	W-1	26-25	30-23
Miami	47	57	.452	18 ½	9	3-7	L-5	22-28	25-29
Washington	36	69	.343	30	20 ½	5-5	W-1	17-39	19-30
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
Milwaukee	57	46	.553	_	-	7-3	L-2	26-20	31-26
St. Louis	55	48	.534	2	1/2	6-4	W-2	30-20	25-28
Cincinnati	42	61	.408	15	13 ½	7-3	W-4	24-32	18-29
Chicago	41	61	.402	15 ½	14	6-4	L-3	20-32	21-29
Pittsburgh	41	62	.398	16	14 ½	2-8	W-1	22-29	19-33
WEST	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
Los Angeles	70	33	.680	_	_	7-3	W-3	35-15	35-18
San Diego	60	46	.566	11 ½	+3	6-4	W-4	30-22	30-24
San Francisco	51	53	.490	19 ½	5	3-7	L-2	29-25	22-28
Arizona	46	58	.442	24 1/2	10	4-6	L-1	27-27	19-31
Colorado	46	60	.434	25 ½	11	3-7	L-4	30-27	16-33

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

	RES	•				
CHI. WHITE		•				
Kansas City	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Melendez c	4	0	0	0	2	.225
Witt Jr. 3b	4	1	2	1	2	.255
Perez dh	4	0	0	0	3	.21
Pasquantino	1b4	0	0	0	0	.214
Taylor cf	4	0	0	0	3	.275
Pratto If	3	0	0	0	2	.184
Massey 2b	3	0	2	0	0	.455
Isbel rf	3	0	0	0	2	.203
Lopez ss	2	0	0	0	0	.248
TOTALS	31	1	4	1	14	
White Sox	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVC
Anderson ss	4	1	1	0	0	.313
Vaughn 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.299
Jimenez If	4	1	3	0	0	.29
Abreu dh	4	1	2	3	1	.302
Moncada 3b	4	0	1	1	3	.203
Pollock rf	3	0	0	0	0	.234
Harrison 2b	3	0	2	0	0	.243
Zavala c	3	0	0	0	1	.286
Engel cf	4	0	1	0	1	.245
Liliger Ci		4	12	4	6	
TOTALS	33	-				
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LOB: Kansas City 4. Chw 8. HR: Witt Jr. (15), off Lynn; Abreu (14), off Singer. RBIs: Witt Jr. (52), Moncada (28), Abreu 3(55), S: Zavala

Runners left in scoring position: Kansas City 1(Lopez); Chicago 3(Engel, Anderson, Pollock), RISP: Kansas City 0 for 1; Chicago 3for 12. Runners moved up: Isbel. GIDP: Anderson, Pollock. DP: Kansas City 2(Lopez, Massey, Pasquantino; Lopez, Massey, Pasquantino). KANSAS CITY IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Singer, L, 4-4

6 11 4 4 1 3 3.67

Mills Weaver	1	1	0	0	0 1	2	0.00
WHITE SOX	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	so	ERA
Lynn, W, 2-4	6	4	1	1	0	8	5.87
Diekman, H, 14	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.02
Graveman, H, 17	1	0	0	0	1	3	2.76
Hendriks, S, 21-24	41	0	0	0	0	1	3.19
Pitches-Strikes							12-9;
Weaver 18-11; I	ynr	189	-57	; Di	ekn	nan	
13-10; Gravema	ın 1	8-1	1; F	lend	drik	s 11	-6,
Umpires: HP, Dar	n Me	erze	el; 1	B, A	lan F	ort	er;
3B. Ouinn Wolco	tt. T	: 2:3	35.	1:19	.753	(40.	.615).

### TAMPA BAY 3, TORONTO 2 Toronto AB R H BI SO AVG

Gurriel Jr. If	4	1	1	0	1	.311
Guerrero Jr. 1		0	1	0	0	.285
Kirk dh	3	0	0	0	0	.305
Bichette ss Hernandez rf	4 4	0	0	0	3	.256
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.213
Jansen c	3	0	0	0	0	.243
Espinal 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.263
Tapia cf	3	0	0	0	1	.278
TOTALS	31	2	4	2	9	.210
	AB	R			so	AVG
Diaz 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.286
Paredes 1b	2	0	0	1	0	.214
Siri cf	4	1	1	0	3	.176
Arozarena If	4	1	1	0	1	.251
Peralta dh	4	0	2	1	1	.273
Chang 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.209
Walls ss	4	0	0	1	2	.173
Quinn rf	2	1	0	0	0	.238
Pinto c	3	0	1	0	1	.206
TOTALS	29	3	6	3	10	
Toronto		100			2	4 1
Tampa Bay	001	101	00x	-	3	6 1
E: Jansen (2),	Chan	ıg (2	). LO	B: 1	Toro	nto
4, Tampa Bay	7. <b>2B:</b>	Gur	riel J	lr. (	25),	
Hernandez (20	0). <b>HR</b>	: He	rnar	ide:	z (15	5),
off Yarbrough						
Paredes (30),	Walls	(18)	, Pe	ralt	a (1)	).
<b>SB:</b> Siri (7), Gu						des.
Runners left in	1002	ring	posi	tior	1:	

Toronto 3(Chanman 2, Kirk): Tamna Bay 2(Siri, Quinn). RISP: Toronto 1for 5; Tampa Bay 1 for 7. Runners moved up: Guerrero Jr., Chang, Arozarena. LIDP: Tapia. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1(Paredes). TORONTO IP H R ER BB SO ERA 2 0 1

Cilliber, L, 0-4	73	-	-				3.23
Mayza	2/3	0	0	0	0	1	2.48
Phelps	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.40
Richards	1	1	0	0	0	2	5.36
TAMPA BAY	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Beeks	1	2	1	1	1	2	2.51
Yarbrough	4	1	1	1	1	1	4.89
Thompson, W, 3-	2 2	0	0	0	0	2	3.58
Fairbanks, H, 2	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.50
Adam, S, 5-6	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.27
Inherited runn	ers-	·sc	ore	d: N	lavz	za 2	-0.
HBP: Kikuchi (Q	uin	n).I	Jm	pire	s: H	P, Bi	II
Miller; 1B, Brian	Kn	ight	t; 21	3, Ry	an'	Will	s; 3B,
Roberto Ortiz. T	: 2:4	18.	<b>\:</b> 1	4,25	3 (2	5,00	0).

# **SEATTLE 7, N.Y. YANKEES 3**

Seattle	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Frazier 2b	4	1	2	0	0	.250
Winker If	3	2	1	1	0	.227
Suarez 3b	4	1	1	3	1	.234
Santana 1b	4	1	2	1	2	.209
Crawford ss	4	1	2	0	1	.262
Lewis dh	4	0	0	0	3	.157
Kelenic cf	4	1	1	2	1	.131
Torrens c	4	0	0	0	0	.202
Haggerty rf	4	0	1	0	1	.303
TOTALS	35	7	10	7	9	
NY Yankees	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Rizzo 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.227
LeMahieu 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.289
Carpenter rf	3	0	1	0	1	.322
Donaldson dh	4	0	0	0	2	.220
Benintendi If	3	1	0	0	0	.305
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.254
Hicks cf	4	0	0	0	1	.223
Kiner-Falefa s	s 3	1	2	1	0	.275
Higashioka c	3	1	2	2	1	.197
TOTALS	31	3	5	3	8	
Seattle	600	000	100	_	- 7	10 0

LOB: Seattle 2, New York 4. 2B: Carpenter (9), Higashioka (5). **HR:** Suarez (18), off Cole; Santana (10), off Cole; Kelenic (4), off Cole; Winker (10), off Peralta; Higashioka (6), off Castillo

RBIs: Suarez 3 (57), Santana (37), Kelenic 2 (12), Winker (38), Kiner-Falefa (32), Higashioka 2 (18), SB: Benintendi (6), Frazier (7). Runners left in scoring position: Sea 1 (Winker); NYY 2 (Benintendi, Donaldson), RISP: Sea 1 for 2: NYY 1 for 5. Runners moved up: Hicks. GIDP: Craw ford, Frazier. DP: NYY 2 (Torres, Kiner-Falefa, Rizzo; Kiner-Falefa, Rizzo).

SEATTLE	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castillo, W, 1-0	62/3	5	3	3	3	8	4.05
Borucki	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	4.56
Festa	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.66
Sewald	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.53
NY YANKEES	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	S0	ERA
Cole, L, 9-4	6	7	6	6	1	8	3.56
Peralta	2/3	2	1	1	0	0	2.48
Loaisiga	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	6.38
Marinaccio	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.08
Trivino	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.15
Umpires: HP, (	CB B	uck	no	r; 1	3, S	tu	
Scheuwater; 2 Gonzalez. T: 2	2B, J	eff	Nel	son	;3B	, M	
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Philadelphia <i>i</i>	AB	R	Н	ы	SO	AVG
Schwarber If	3	0	0	0	2	.202
Hoskins 1b	3	1	0	0	3	.247
Bohm 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.296
Realmuto c	4	1	0	1	1	.259
Castellanos rf	3	1	1	2	0	.258
Hall dh	3	0	1	0	2	.258
Stott 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.196
Vierling cf	4	0	1	0	1	.236
Gregorius ss	4	0	1	0	0	.210
TOTALS	32	3	5	3	12	
Atlanta .	AB	R	Н	ВІ	SO	AVG
Acuna Jr. rf-cf	3	0	0	0	0	.257
Swanson ss	4	0	1	0	2	.300
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.248
Riley 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.300
Rosario If	4	0	0	0	2	.172
Ozuna dh	4	0	0	0	0	.222
			•	^	2	.254
Contreras c	3	0	0	0		
Arcia 2b	3	1	2	1	0	.247
Arcia 2b Heredia cf	3	1	2	•	0	.138
Arcia 2b Heredia cf a-Grossman rf	3 2 1	1 0 0	2 1 1	1 0 0	0 1 0	.247
Arcia 2b Heredia cf	3	1	2	1	0	.138

a-doubled for Heredia in the 8th. LOB: Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 5. **2B:** Riley (32), Grossman (1). HR: Castellanos (9), off McHugh; Arcia (7), off Wheeler, RBIs: Realmuto (47), Castellanos 2 (51), Arcia (25). SB: Vierling (5). Runners left in scoring position: Philadelphia 3 (Hoskins, Gregorius, Stott);

Atlanta 2 (Swanson, Olson). RISP: Philadelphia 0 for 4; Atlanta 0 for 6. Runners moved up: Schwarber, Acuna Jr.. GIDP: Acuna Jr.. DP: Philadelphia 1 (Bohm, Stott, Hoskins). PHILADELPHIA IP H R ER BB SO ERA Wheeler, W, 10-5 7 5 1 1 0
Dominguez, H, 13 ½ 1 0 0 1
Alvarado, H, 9 ½ 0 0 0 0
Robertson, S, 15-201 0 0 0 0

1100001 13011, 3, 13	201	•	•	•	•	-	2.10
ATLANTA	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
Morton	6²/3	3	0	0	1	8	4.09
Lee, H, 7	2/3	0	1	1	1	1	1.61
McHugh, L, 2-2, BS. 0-		2	2	2	0	1	3.20
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Minter	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.70
Pitches-Strike	es: W	/he	ele	r 90	-64;	;	
Domínguez 13	-7; <i>F</i>	۱lva	ıra	do 1	-1;	Rob	ert-
son 17-10; Mo	rton	10	1-7	0; Le	ee 1	5-9	;
McHugh 10-7;	Min	ter	9-9	).			
Inhorited runs	orc.	-	~~~	d. ^	lya	rade	20

Lee 1-0. McHugh 1-1. HBP: Morton 2(Schwarber,Hall).
Umpires: Home, Gabe Morales; First, Bill Welke; Second, Chris Segal; Third, Junior Valentine. **Time:** 2:40. **A:** 30,380(41,084).

### LATE TUESDAY: CINCINNATI 2, MIAMI 1

Cincinnati	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
India 2b	5	0	0	0	3	.249
Senzel cf	3	1	1	0	0	.248
K.Farmer ss	2	1	0	0	0	.248
Votto 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.217
Solano dh	4	0	0	0	4	.299
Aquino rf	4	0	1	2	3	.176
Reynolds 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.255
Almora Jr. If	4	0	0	0	0	.240
Kolozsvary c	3	0	1	0	2	.200
TOTALS	31	2	3	2	15	
Miami	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Wendle 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.268
Rojas ss	3	0	0	1	1	.241
Aguilar 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.242
2-Williams pr	0	0	0	0	0	.237
L.Diaz dh	4	0	0	0	0	.184
Garcia rf	1	0	0	0	0	.232
Bleday cf	2	0	1	0	0	.184
1-Hamilton p		0	0	0	0	.143
a-Stallings ph		0	0	0	1	.209
Fortes c	3	0	1	0	1	.269
Sanchez If	3	0	1	0	0	.205
De La Cruz cf		0	0	0	1	.210
Leblanc 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.429
TOTALS	31	1	5	1	4	
Cincinnati Miami	200 000	000 001			· 2	3 2 5 1

a-struck out for Hamilton in the 9th. 1-ran for Bleday in the 7th. 2-ran for Aguilar in the 9th. E: K.Farmer (7), Senzel (2), Garrett (1). LOB: Cincinnati 8, Miami 4 **2B:** Senzel (9), Fortes (4), Aguilar (16). **RBIs:** Aguino 2(9), Roias (28). SB: Hamilton (6). SF: Roias Runners left in scoring position: Cincinnati 4(Revnolds, Almora Jr. 2, Votto): Miami 2(Sanchez, Stallings).

RISP: Cincinnati 1for 5; Miami 1for 4.

Runners moved up: Fortes, L.Diaz.

CINCINNATI	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ashcraft, W, 5-2 A.Diaz, S, 4-6	81/3 2/3	5 0	1	0	0	3 1	4.12 2.04
MIAMI	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
Garrett, L, 2-5	5²/3	3	2	2	2	11	3.88
Brazoban	11/3	0	0	0	1	1	1.29
Bender	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.20
Scott	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.33
Pitches-Strike	s: A	sho	rat	ft 10	7-7	5; D	íaz
6-4; Garrett 10	4-68	3; B	raz	oba	n 25	5-14	;
Bender 12-8; S	cott	10	-9.				
<b>Batters Faced</b>	: Asl	ncr	aft	30;	Día:	z 2;	
Garrett 25; Bra	azob	an	6; I	3en	der	3;	
Scott 3.							

Inherited runners-scored: A.Diaz 1-0, Brazoban 1-0. HBP: Garrett 2 (K.Farmer.Senzel), Brazoban (K.Farmer). PB: Fortes (1). Umpires: Home, Nick Mahrley: First, Tripp Gibson; Second, Laz Diaz; Third, Brian O'Nora. T: 2:46. A: 8,188(36,742).

# ON THIS DATE

1982: Joel Youngblood became the first player in major league history to play and get a base hit for two different teams in two different cities in the same day. In the afternoon, his hit drove in the winning run for the Mets in a 7-4 victory at Chicago. After the game, he was traded to the Expos and played that night in Philadelphia, He entered the game in right field in the fourth inning and later got a single. 1985: Tom Seaver, 40, became the 17th 300-game winner in major league history with a six-hitter — all singles as the Chicago White Sox defeated the Yankees 4-1 on Phil Rizzuto Day. 1985: Rod Carew of the California Angels got his 3.000th hit in a 6-5 win over the Minnesota Twins, his first major league team. 2006: Chase Utley went 0-for-5 night in Philadelphia's 5-3 victory over the Mets, ending a 35-game hitting streak that tied him for the 10th longest in major league history and the fourth longest in National League history.

2007: Alex Rodriguez became the

Kansas City.

youngest player in major league history to hit 500 home runs with a

first-inning homer in a 16-8 victory over

BALTIMORI	E 6, 1	EX/	<b>1</b> S 3	;		
Baltimore	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	1	0	1	.260
Rutschman d	lh 2	1	0	0	0	.252
Santander rf	5	1	1	1	2	.259
Mountcastle	1b4	0	0	0	2	.252
Urias 2b-3b	5	0	1	0	2	.247
McKenna If	2	1	1	1	1	.250
a-Phillips ph-	·lf 2	0	0	0	2	.145
Mateo ss	3	1	0	0	1	.216
Nevin 3b	3	0	1	0	2	.207
b-Vavra ph-2	b 1	1	1	1	0	.333
Chirinos c	4	1	3	2	0	.168
TOTALS	35	6	9	5	13	
Texas	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Semien ss	5 3	1	1	1	1	.240
Seager dh	3	1	0	0	1	.247
Heim c Lowe 1b	4	1 0	1	1	2	.259
Garcia rf	4	0	1	1	2	.244
Taveras cf	4	ő	ō	ō	1	.309
Duran 3b		ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ō	.229
Smith If	3	0	2	0	1	.231
Culberson 2b		0	0	0	0	.253
c-Viloria ph	1	0	0 6	0 3	1	.241
TOTALS	32	3	6	3	10	

a-struck out for McKenna in the 8th. b-doubled for Nevin in the 8th struck out for Culberson in the 9th. E: Mateo (12), M.Perez (2). LOB: Baltimore 9, Texas 8. **2B:** Nevin (4), Vavra (1), Santander (15). **HR:** McKenna (2), off M.Perez; Chirinos (3), off Moore; Heim (13), off Tate; Semien (15), off Bautista RBIs: McKenna (7), Chirinos 2(17), Vavra (1), Santander (59), Garcia (64). Heim (38), Semien (51), SB: Mateo (26), S: Culberson. Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 4(Mountcastle, . Santander 2, Rutschman); Texas 4 (Taveras, Seager, Heim 2). RISP: Baltimore 2for 11; Texas 1for 7. Runners moved up: Mullins, Semien. LIDP: Mateo. GIDP: Culberson. DP: Baltimore 1(Mateo, Urias, Mountcastle); Texas 1 (Culberson, Semien, Culberson)

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	BALTIMORE	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ER/
	Bradish	5	3	1	1	3	5	6.5
	Baker	1/3	1	0	0	1	1	4.1
1	Tate	11/3	1	1		0	0	2.3
1	C.Perez, W, 6-1	11/3	0	0	0	0	1	1.2
	Bautista	1	1	1	1	0	3	1.8
	TEXAS	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ER/
	M.Perez	6	5	1	1	3	9	2.4
1	Moore	1/3	1	1				1.8
	Leclerc, L, 0-1	12/3		2				
	Hernandez	1	1	2	2	1	2	3.0
	Inherited runr	iers-	SCO	ore	d: T	ate	2-0,	
	Leclerc 2-0. HI	BP: E	rac	lsib	h (S	eag	er).	
	WP: Bradish, I	Hern	and	dez	(2).	Um	pir	es:
	Home, Jeremi	e Re	hak	c F	irst.	Δd	am	
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	lassogna. T: 3	24.	4: 2	υ,2	21(	40,3	UU)	•

### LATE TUESDAY: ST. LOUIS 6, CHI. CUBS 0

Chi. Cubs	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Ortega cf	4	0	1	0	0	.234
Contreras dh	2	0	1	0	0	.253
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	2	.256
Happ If	4	0	0	0	2	.276
Hoerner ss	4	0	1	0	0	.294
Wisdom 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.224
Schwindel 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.236
Gomes c	3	0	2	0	1	.227
McKinstry 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.067
TOTALS	32	0	7	0	7	
St. Louis	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Carlson cf	4	1	1	2	0	.250
Gorman dh	4	1	1	0	1	.238
Goldschmidt	1b3	1	2	3	1	.332
Arenado 3b	4	1	2	1	0	.292
DeJong ss	4	0	0	0	1	.136
Nootbaar rf	3	0	3	0	0	.230
Dickerson If	4	0	1	0	0	.226
Molina c	4	0	0	0	1	.207
Edman 2b	2	2	1	0	0	.255
TOTALS	32	6	11	6	4	
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LOB: Chicago 7, St. Louis 5. 2B: Gorman (7). 3B: Contreras (2). HR: Carlson (7), off K.Thompson: Gold schmidt (25), off K.Thompson; Arenado (20), off Espinoza. RBIs: Goldschmidt 3(81), Carlson 2(33), Arenado (61). CS: Ortega (7).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 2(Suzuki, Gomes): St. Louis 2 (Dickerson, Molina). RISP: Chicago Ofor 2; St. Louis 1for 4. Runners moved up: Dickerson, LIDP: Arenado. GIDP: Schwindel, Dickerson, Molina DP: Chicago 3(Hoerner, McKinstry,

Hoerner; McKinstry, Hoerner, Schwindel); St. Louis 2(Molina, Edman, Molina; Edman, Goldschmidt). CHI CUBS IP H R ER BB SO ERA K.Thompson, L, 8-54½10 5 5 2 1 3.48 Rucker 1½ 0 0 0 0 0 4.97 Espinoza 2 1 1 1 1 3 3.09 ST. LOUIS IP H R ER BB SO ERA Wainwright, W, 8-87 6 0 0 0 4 3.11 Hicks 1 0 0 0 0 2 4.83 Stratton 1 1 0 0 0 1 4.97

Schwindel: Hoerner, Schwindel,

**Pitches-Strikes:** Thompson 86-50; Rucker 10-7; Espinoza 37-19; Wain wright 106-67: Hicks 13-10: Stratton Inherited runners-scored: Rucker 2-0. HBP: Wainwright (Contreras), Hicks (Contreras).

Umpires: Home, Malachi Moore; First, Adam Hamari; Second, Brennan Miller; Third, Chad Whitson.

Time: 2:37. A: 44,344(45,494).

# **AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS**

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Arraez Min	93	346	57	114	.329
Devers Bos	88	353	63	115	.326
T.Anderson ChW	75	315	49	99	.314
Bogaerts Bos	100	368	57	115	.313
Gurriel Jr. Tor	94	344	45	107	.311
France Sea	87	344	39	106	.308
Alvarez Hou	88	306	67	94	.307
Benintendi KC	100	367	42	112	.305
Kirk Tor	92	302	48	92	.305
Gimenez Cle	93	302	41	91	.301

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 43: Alva rez, Houston, 30; Rizzo, New York, 27; Buxton, Minnesota, 26; Trout, Los Ange les, 24: Stanton, New York, 24: Seage Texas, 24; Devers, Boston, 23; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 22; 2 tied at 21. Runs Batted In: Judge, New York, 93; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 86; Alvarez, Houston, 71; Rizzo, New York, 66; Tucker, Houston, 65; A.Garcia, Texas, 63; Guer rero Jr., Toronto, 63; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 62; Stanton, New York, 61; 2 tied at 58.

Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 14-3;

11-5; Taillon, New York, 10-2; Gilbert,

York, 9-3: 3 tied at 9-4.

through Tuesday

Cease, Chicago, 11-4; Manoah, Toronto,

Seattle, 10-4; McClanahan, Tampa Bay 10-4; M.Perez, Texas, 9-2; Cortes, New

WP: Keller.
Umpires: Home, Quinn Wolcott; First, Home Runs: Schwarber, Philadelphia,

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Boston	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Duran cf	4	0	0	0	2	.232
Pham If	4	0	1	0	0	.250
Devers dh	4	0	0	0	3	.322
Bogaerts ss	4	1	1	1	1	.312
Verdugo rf	3	0	0	0	1	.264
Arroyo 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.248
Dalbec 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.205
McGuire c	3	0	2	0	0	.234
Sanchez 2b	2	0	0	0	2	.059
TOTALS	31	1	4	1	10	
Houston	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	1	4	0	0	.280
Pena ss	4	1	1	0	1	.252
Alvarez dh	4	0	0	1	0	.303
Bregman 3b	3	1	2	1	0	.247
Diaz If	3	1	1	0	0	.256
Tucker rf	4	1	2	2	0	.241
Mancini 1b	4	1	1	2	2	.267
Vazquez c	4	0	0	0	1	.278
Dubon cf	4	0	1	0	2	.215
TOTALS	34	6	12	6	6	
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Houston	-		0 00:	_	- 6	12 0

LOB: Boston 5, Houston 6. 2B: Pham (1), Pena (12), Altuve (21), Dubon (5), Tucker (16). **HR:** Bogaerts (9), off Smith; Mancini (11), off Hill. RBIs: Bogaerts (46), Alvarez (72), Bregman (56), Mancini 2(43), Tucker 2(67). SF: Bregman. Runners left in scoring position: Boston

4(Pham, Dalbec, Devers 2); Houston 3 (Vazquez, Pena 2). **RISP:** Boston Ofor 4; Houston 2for 7. Runners moved up: Arrovo, Alvarez, Mancini LIDP: Tucker. DP: Boston 1(Sanchez, Dalbec, Sanchez).

BOSTON	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	ERA
Hill, L, 4-5	3	6	4	4	0	1	4.52
Bello	2/3	2	0	0	0	2	8.47
Sawamura	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	3.40
Ort	3	4	2	2	0	2	9.49
Brasier	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.49
HOUSTON	ΙP	н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
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Urquidy, W, 10-4	7	2	0	0	0	10	3.62
Urquidy, W, 10-4 S.Martinez	7						3.62
Urquidy, W, 10-4	7 1 1		0	0	0	10	
Urquidy, W, 10-4 S.Martinez	7 1 1	2 1 1	0 0 1	0 0 1	0 1 0	10 0 0	2.10 9.00
Urquidy, W, 10-4 S.Martinez Smith	7 1 1 s: H	2 1 1 ill 5	0 0 1 8-4	0 0 1	0 1 0 8ello	10 0 0 0	2.10 9.00 -14;

13-10. Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Hill 5-4; Bello 1-0; Sawamura 1-0; Ort 4-4; Brasier 0-1; Urguidy 5-3; Martinez 2-1; Smith 1-2. Batters Faced: Hill 15: Bello 4: Sawamura 1; Ort 13; Brasier 3; Urquidy 24; Martinez 5; Smith 4.

Inherited runners-scored: Sawamura 2-0. **HBP:** Urquidy (Verdugo), Ort (Diaz). **Umpires:** HP, Jim Wolf; 1B, D.J. Reyburn; 2B, Angel Hernandez; 3B, James Hoye. 2:42. **A:** 32,295(41,168).

### LATE TUESDAY: CHI. WHITE SOX 9, KANSAS CITY 2

<b>Kansas City</b>	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Melendez rf	4	1	0	0	3	.229
Witt Jr. ss	4	0	0	0	1	.252
Perez c	4	0	2	1	0	.214
Pasquantino	dh4	0	1	0	2	.221
Dozier 3b	4	0	1	1	0	.251
Pratto 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.196
Taylor cf	4	0	1	0	2	.279
Isbel If	3	0	0	0	0	.206
a-Garcia ph	1	0	1	0	0	.350
Lopez 2b	3	1	1	0	0	.249
TOTALS	34	2	7	2	10	
TOTALS White Sox	34 AB	2 R	7 H	2 BI	10 SO	AVG
	AB	_	-	_		.314
White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	
White Sox Anderson ss	<b>AB</b> 5	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b> 2	<b>BI</b>	<b>SO</b>	.314
White Sox Anderson ss Vaughn If	<b>AB</b> 5 4	1 2	2 3	0 0	<b>SO</b> 0 0	.314
White Sox Anderson ss Vaughn If Jimenez dh	<b>AB</b> 5 4 3 5	1 2 1	2 3 3	0 0 4	0 0 0	.314 .296 .273
White Sox  Anderson ss Vaughn If Jimenez dh Abreu 1b	<b>AB</b> 5 4 3 5	1 2 1 2	2 3 3 2	0 0 4 3	0 0 0 0	.314 .296 .273 .300
White Sox Anderson ss Vaughn If Jimenez dh Abreu 1b Moncada 3b	5 4 3 5 3	1 2 1 2 0	2 3 3 2 0	0 0 4 3 0	0 0 0 0 0	.314 .296 .273 .300 .202
White Sox Anderson ss Vaughn If Jimenez dh Abreu 1b Moncada 3b Pollock cf	<b>AB</b> 5 4 3 5 3 4	1 2 1 2 0 0	2 3 3 2 0 1	0 0 4 3 0	0 0 0 0 0 1 2	.314 .296 .273 .300 .202 .236
Mhite Sox  Anderson ss Vaughn If Jimenez dh Abreu 1b Moncada 3b Pollock cf Grandal c	5 4 3 5 3 4 4	1 2 1 2 0 0	2 3 3 2 0 1 0	0 0 4 3 0 1 0	0 0 0 0 1 2	.314 .296 .273 .300 .202 .236 .192

Kansas City 002 000 000 - 2 7 1 Chi. White Sox 300 203 10x - 9 14 0 a-singled for Isbel in the 9th. **E:** Witt Jr. (15). LOB: Kansas City 8, Chicago 7. 2B: Perez (14), Dozier (20), Pasquantino (4), Jimenez (3). **3B:** Vaughn (1). **HR:** Abreu (13), off Keller; Sheets (9), off Staumont. RBIs: Perez (43), Dozier (35), Jimenez 4 (20), Abreu 3 (52), Pollock (35), Sheets (26). **SF:** Jimenez. Runners left in scoring position: Kansas City 4(Pasquantino, Pratto, Taylor 2); Chicago 3(Grandal, Moncada, Sheets).

RISP: Kansas City 2for 8; Chicago 6for 13. Runners moved up: Witt Jr.. GIDP: Abreu. DP: Kansas City 2(Isbel, Dozier, Isbel; Witt Jr., Lopez, Pratto). KANSAS CITY IP H R ER BB SO ERA 5<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> 13 8 8 1 3 4.61 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> 1 1 1 0 2 4.22 1 0 0 0 2 0 5.27 Keller, L, 5-12 Garrett WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO ERA Giolito, W, 7-6 5 5 2 2 3 7 5.06 Diekman, H, 13 1 0 0 0 0 2 4.12 Kelly 1 0 0 0 0 0 5.64 Foster 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 5.44 Banks 1 1 0 0 0 1 2.88 Pitches-Strikes: Keller 94-70: Staumont 12-9; Garrett 15-6; Giolito 94-64; Diekman 12-8; Kelly 10-6; Foster 10-9;

Banks 11-10. **Batters Faced:** Keller 31; Staumont 5; Garrett 4; Giolito 23; Diekman 3; Kelly 3; Foster 4; Banks 4.

Dan Merzel: Second, Alan Porter: Third Mark Wegner. T: 2:52. A: 24,361(40,615)

### NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS BATTING AVG.

Goldschmidt StL	97	368	70	122	.33
Freeman LAD	103	404	72	132	.32
Iglesias Col	89	326	39	102	.31
T.Turner LAD	103	418	62	129	.30
Bell Was	103	375	52	113	.30
Swanson Atl	105	403	69	121	.30
S.Marte NYM	86	350	58	105	.30
Riley Atl	103	404	62	121	.30
Lux LAD	95	302	52	90	.29
McNeil NYM	90	316	42	94	.29

33: Riley, Atlanta, 29: Alonso, New York 27; C.Walker, Arizona, 25; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 25; Betts, Los Angeles, 24; Cron. Colorado, 22: 4 tied at 21. Runs Batted In: Alonso, New York, 86; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 81; T.Turner, Los Ang., 76: Lindor, New York, 74: Cron. Colorado, 72; Freeman, Los Ang., 68; Riley, Atlanta, 68; Olson, Atlanta, 67; Tellez, Milwaukee, 66: Schwarber, Phi., 66. Pitching: Wright, Atlanta, 13-4; T.An derson, Los Angeles, 12-1; Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 12-1; Carrasco, New York, 11-4; Fried, Atlanta, 10-3; Darvish, San Diego, 10-4; Me.Kelly, Arizona, 10-5; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 10-5; J.Urias, Los through Tuesday

AME	RICAN LEAGUE		20	22		202	2 VS	OPP	LAST	3 ST/	ARTS
	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
	burn (R)	4.07.	6-6	4.15	9-11	0-0	11.1	2.38		15.1	8.80
LAA	Junk (R)	4:07p	1-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	13.1	3.38
Hou	Verlander (R)	7.10	14-3	1.82	15-4	0-0	0.0	0.00		20.2	0.87
Cle	Plesac (R)	7:10p	2-9	4.33	7-12	0-1		13.50		13.2	6.59
TB	Springs (L)		3-3	2.70	9-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	13.1	4.73
Det	Hutchison (R)	7:10p	1-4	4.53	3-4	0-0	5.1	1.69	0-0	14.1	5.65
Tor	Manoah (R)		11-5	2.43	12-8	1-0	5.2	3.18	2-1	18.1	2.95
Min	Gray (R)	7:40p	6-3	3.40	10-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	14.2	4.91
ChW	Cueto (R)		4-4	2.86	7-6	0-0	5.0	5.40	1-0	20.0	2.70
Tex	Ragans (L)	8:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Bos	Pivetta (R)		8-8	4.48	11-10	0-1	9.1	8.68	0-2	15.0	7.20
KC	Bubic (L)	8:10p	2-6	5.45	5-11	1-1	6.2	9.45	1-0	20.0	2.25
itto	Dubic (L)	0.100		3.13	<u> </u>						
		0.10p			0 11						
NATIO	ONAL LEAGUE		20	22		202	2 VS	OPP	LAST	3 ST/	ARTS
NATIO	ONAL LEAGUE PITCHER	TIME	20 W-L	22 ERA	TR	202 W-L	2 VS	OPP ERA	LAST W-L	3 ST/	ARTS
NATIO TEAM Mil	ONAL LEAGUE PITCHER Woodruff (R)	TIME	<b>20</b> <b>W-L</b> 9-3	22 ERA 3.55	<b>TR</b> 10-5	<b>202</b> <b>W-L</b> 2-0	2 VS IP 22.0	OPP ERA 2.86	LAST W-L 2-0	3 ST/ IP 18.0	ARTS ERA 2.00
NATIO TEAM Mil Pit	ONAL LEAGUE PITCHER Woodruff (R) Thompson (R)		<b>20</b> <b>W-L</b> 9-3 3-8	22 ERA 3.55 5.09	<b>TR</b> 10-5 6-11	<b>202</b> <b>W-L</b> 2-0 0-2	2 VS IP 22.0 13.1	OPP ERA 2.86 6.75	<b>LAST W-L</b> 2-0 0-2	3 ST/ IP 18.0 17.2	ARTS ERA 2.00 7.64
NATIO TEAM Mil Pit LAD	DNAL LEAGUE PITCHER Woodruff (R) Thompson (R) Kershaw (L)	<b>TIME</b> 12:35p	20 W-L 9-3 3-8 7-3	22 ERA 3.55 5.09 2.66	TR 10-5 6-11 8-6	202 W-L 2-0 0-2 0-1	2 VS IP 22.0 13.1 8.1	OPP ERA 2.86 6.75 6.48	LAST W-L 2-0 0-2	3 STA IP 18.0 17.2	ARTS ERA 2.00 7.64 3.57
NATIO TEAM Mil Pit LAD SF	ONAL LEAGUE PITCHER Woodruff (R) Thompson (R) Kershaw (L) Junis (R)	TIME	20 W-L 9-3 3-8 7-3 4-2	22 ERA 3.55 5.09 2.66 2.78	TR 10-5 6-11 8-6 6-3	202 W-L 2-0 0-2 0-1 1-0	2 VS IP 22.0 13.1 8.1 5.0	OPP ERA 2.86 6.75 6.48 3.60	U-L 2-0 0-2 1-1 1-1	3 ST/ IP 18.0 17.2 17.2 13.1	ARTS ERA 2.00 7.64 3.57 2.03
NATIO TEAM Mil Pit LAD SF Col	ONAL LEAGUE PITCHER Woodruff (R) Thompson (R) Kershaw (L) Junis (R) Freeland (L)	<b>TIME</b> 12:35p 3:45p	20 W-L 9-3 3-8 7-3 4-2 6-7	22 ERA 3.55 5.09 2.66 2.78 4.63	TR 10-5 6-11 8-6 6-3 11-9	202 W-L 2-0 0-2 0-1 1-0 2-0	2 VS (IP 22.0 13.1 8.1 5.0 17.0	OPP ERA 2.86 6.75 6.48 3.60 5.82	LAST W-L 2-0 0-2 1-1 1-1 2-0	3 ST/ IP 18.0 17.2 17.2 13.1	ARTS ERA 2.00 7.64 3.57 2.03 4.24
NATION TEAM Mill Pit LAD SF Coll SD	DNAL LEAGUE PITCHER Woodruff (R) Thompson (R) Kershaw (L) Junis (R) Freeland (L) Musgrove (R)	<b>TIME</b> 12:35p	9-3 3-8 7-3 4-2 6-7 8-4	22 ERA 3.55 5.09 2.66 2.78 4.63 2.65	TR 10-5 6-11 8-6 6-3 11-9 12-6	202 W-L 2-0 0-2 0-1 1-0 2-0 1-0	2 VS IP 22.0 13.1 8.1 5.0 17.0 11.0	OPP ERA 2.86 6.75 6.48 3.60 5.82 4.09	LAST W-L 2-0 0-2 1-1 1-1 2-0 0-2	3 ST/ IP 18.0 17.2 17.2 13.1 17.0 16.1	ARTS ERA 2.00 7.64 3.57 2.03 4.24 6.06
NATION TEAM Mil Pit LAD SF Col SD Was	DNAL LEAGUE PITCHER Woodruff (R) Thompson (R) Kershaw (L) Junis (R) Freeland (L) Musgrove (R) Espino (R)	12:35p 3:45p 4:10p	20 W-L 9-3 3-8 7-3 4-2 6-7 8-4 0-3	22 ERA 3.55 5.09 2.66 2.78 4.63 2.65 3.78	TR 10-5 6-11 8-6 6-3 11-9 12-6 3-6	202 W-L 2-0 0-2 0-1 1-0 2-0 1-0	2 VS (IP) 22.0 13.1 8.1 5.0 17.0 11.0 8.2	OPP ERA 2.86 6.75 6.48 3.60 5.82 4.09 6.23	LAST W-L 2-0 0-2 1-1 1-1 2-0 0-2	3 ST/ IP 18.0 17.2 17.2 13.1 17.0 16.1	ARTS ERA 2.00 7.64 3.57 2.03 4.24 6.06 5.14
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NATION TEAM Mil Pit LAD SF Col SD Was	DNAL LEAGUE PITCHER Woodruff (R) Thompson (R) Kershaw (L) Junis (R) Freeland (L) Musgrove (R) Espino (R)	12:35p 3:45p 4:10p	9-3 3-8 7-3 4-2 6-7 8-4 0-3 5-8	22 ERA 3.55 5.09 2.66 2.78 4.63 2.65 3.78	TR 10-5 6-11 8-6 6-3 11-9 12-6 3-6	202 W-L 2-0 0-2 0-1 1-0 2-0 1-0	2 VS (IP) 22.0 13.1 8.1 5.0 17.0 11.0 8.2	OPP ERA 2.86 6.75 6.48 3.60 5.82 4.09 6.23	LAST W-L 2-0 0-2 1-1 1-1 2-0 0-2 0-1 0-2 3-0	3 ST/ IP 18.0 17.2 17.2 13.1 17.0 16.1	ARTS ERA 2.00 7.64 3.57 2.03 4.24 6.06 5.14

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

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7:45p 3-5 3.50 10-10

### **RESULTS. SCHEDULE**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE** 

Quintana (L)

ChC Stroman (R)

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 2 Minnesota 4. Detroit 1 Seattle 7, N.Y. Yankees 3 Cleveland 7, Arizona 4 Chi. White Sox 4. Kansas City 1 Houston 6, Boston 1 Baltimore 6, Texas 3 Oakland at L.A. Angels, late.

Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 7:05p.m. Houston at Cleveland, 7:10p.m. Tampa Bay at Detroit, 7:10p.m. Chi. White Sox at Texas, 8:05n.m. Boston at Kansas City, 8:10p.m. Toronto at Minnesota, 8:10p.m. N.Y. Yankees at St. Louis, 8:15p.m.

L.A. Angels at Seattle, 10:10p.m **TUESDAY'S RESULTS** Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 1 Arizona 6, Cleveland 3 Seattle 8, N.Y. Yankees 6 Detroit 5, Minnesota 3 Chi. White Sox 9, Kansas City 2 Boston 2, Houston 1

### **NATIONAL LEAGUE** WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 1 Cleveland 7, Arizona 4 N.Y. Mets at Washington, late Cincinnati at Miami, late Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, late Chi. Cubs at St. Louis, late Colorado at San Diego, late

L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, late

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FRIDAY'S GAMES Miami at Chi. Cubs. 2:20p.m. Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 7:05p.m. Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05p.m. Atlanta at N.Y. Mets. 7:10p.m. Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 8:10p.m. N.Y. Yankees at St. Louis, 8:15p.m. Colorado at Arizona, 9:40p.m San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10p.m.

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS** G1: San Diego 13, Colorado 5 G2: San Diego 3, Colorado 2 Cincinnati 2. Miami 1 Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 1 Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 3 St. Louis 6, Chi. Cubs 0 Atlanta 13, Philadelphia 1 L.A. Dodgers 9, San Francisco 5

# AROUND THE HORI

Baltimore 8, Texas 2 L.A. Angels 3, Oakland 1

■ Astros: Trey Mancini homered in his first start for the Astros to back a sterling performance by Jose Urquidy in a 6-1 win over the Red Sox. Mancini was traded from the Orioles on Monday to bolster the offense. In his first at-bat, he knocked a pitch from Rich Hill into the seats in left field for a two-run shot that made it 4-0 with no outs in the second inning. Urquidy allowed two hits and tied a career high with 10 strikeouts in seven shutout innings. ... DH Yordan Alvarez was not called out after a third strike in the third inning. Alvarez led off the inning by taking a ball against Rich Hill. After that, home plate umpire Jim Wolf called strike one, and Alvarez fouled off a pitch for strike two. Wolf then called the third strike, but didn't punch him out. No one appeared to notice the mistake, as Alvarez remained in the box and Hill went back to the mound. Alvarez grounded out on the next pitch.

■ Phillies: Nick Castellanos hit a two-run homer in the eighth as the Phillies took full advantage of an overturned call to beat the Braves 3-1. The Phillies appeared down to their final three outs when J.T. Realmuto grounded into what was ruled an inning-ending double play. But the Phillies challenged, and the replay showed Realmuto's foot getting to the bag ahead of the relay throw while the tying run scored. Collin McHugh then grooved one to Castellanos for the tiebreaking homer. Zack Wheeler claimed his 10th win of the season, giving up one run over seven innings.

■ Mariners: Luis Castillo pitched five-hit ball into the seventh inning in his Mariners debut in a 7-3 win over Gerrit Cole and the Yankees. Eugenio Suárez, Carlos Santana and Jarred Kelenic homered against Cole during Seattle's six-run first.

■ White Sox: Lance Lynn

threw four-hit ball over six innings and Jose Abreu homered for the second consecutive game in a 4-1 victory over the Royals 4-1. Lynn struck out eight for the third time this season while not walking a batter for the third time in his last four starts. Rookie Bobby Witt Jr. snapped Lynn's shutout bid by hitting a home run with one out in the sixth.

■ Rays: Hits by newly acquired Jose Siri and David Peralta produced the winning run in the Rays' 3-2 victory over the Blue Jays. Siri led off the sixth with a single off Adam Cimber. He stole second and scored on Peralta's tiebreaking single.

■ Orioles: PH Terrin Vavra hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the eighth and the Orioles completed their first season series sweep against the Rangers with a 6-3 win. Vavra's two-out hit came after a disputed stolen base for the Orioles. Robinson Chirinos, who had homered an inning earlier, singled him home with his third hit. They swept all three games in Texas like they did at home last month.

■ Twins: Trade acquisition Jorge López earned his first save with his new team and newcomer Sandy León drove in two runs in a 4-1 win over the Tigers. Entering to a nice ovation, López, an All-Star acquired Tuesday from Baltimore, earned his 20th save of the season with a 1-2-3 ninth inning. He needed just seven pitches, including a three-pitch strikeout of Eric Haase.

■ **Brewers:** RHP Dinelson Lamet was designated for assignment, two days after being acquired in a trade that sent closer Josh Hader to the Padres. Limet came to Milwaukee on Monday as part of a package including closer Taylor Rogers and prospects Robert Gasser and Esteury Rodriguez. Lamet pitched in 13 games for the Padres this season, going 0-1 with a 9.49 ERA.

**GIANTS** 

# Taylor knows his role is to back up Jones



New York Giants quarterback Tyrod Taylor participates during training camp on Friday in East Rutherford, N.J. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Tyrod Taylor signed with the New York Giants knowing the only way he would start at quarterback would be if Daniel Jones played poorly or got hurt.

It's as simple as that for the well-traveled 32-yearold, who is entering his 12th NFL season.

Jones has been the Giants' starter most of the past three seasons and enters his fourth season — the first under Brian Daboll — as No. 1 on the depth chart in train-

'I came in here ready to compete and that's what the nature of this game is," Taylor said Wednesday. "There is only one quarterback that can play, and you have to be ready at any time when that opportunity presents itself.

"I'm working each and every day just trying to get better and ready for the opportunity that presents

Since camp opened last week at the Giants' facilities in the Meadowlands, Taylor has been working primarily with the secondteam offense. Jones, the No. 6 overall pick in 2019, has worked with the first team.

Like Jones, Taylor is learning a new offensive system, one that features a lot of pre-snap motion.

"I think Coach has done a great job of mixing different concepts but also allowing guys to do what they are most comfortable with," Taylor said. "That's going out there and making plays."

Taylor has rarely gotten a chance to play much, except for three seasons in Buffalo (2015-17). He got 43 of his 53 career starts with the Bills and threw 51 of his 59 career touchdowns.

Buffalo traded him to Cleveland in the spring of 2018, the same year the Bills drafted Josh Allen and hired Daboll as their offensive coordinator. It's also the year the Browns drafted Baker Mayfield with the No.

1 overall pick.

Taylor started the first three games that season but lost his job after an injury in the third. He spent the next two seasons with the Chargers and last year with Houston, starting six games.

He signed a two-year, \$11 million contract with the Giants in March.

Taylor admittedly didn't know the 25-year-old Jones well until he signed. He described Jones as a great competitor and friendly.

"Much respect for Daniel [for] the way he approaches his job each and every day and the way he goes out and leads," Taylor said. "I think just the quarterback room as a whole, we all bring out the best in one another, whether it's in competitions, in the weight room [or] on the field. We tally up who has the best throws for the day.

"If you see our board of tallies it can get crazy, but much respect to Daniel."

While Jones may have a better arm, Taylor is certainly more athletic. He

dunked a football over the crossbar after running for a score last week.

Taylor has had his ups and downs in camp, like Jones. He said his goal is to work on his weaknesses and help teammates get through some of the dog days.

"Ultimately, it's about leading, responding and how you respond in tough circumstances each and every day," Taylor said. "It's a grind from the quarterback's perspective."

Notes: Center Jon Feliciano was limited for the second straight day after missing three days because of dehydration. ... NFL referee Alex Kemp was in camp with his crew Wednesday. A new member of his crew is former Rams linebacker and now umpire Mike Morton. He is the only NFL official to win a Super Bowl. ... Sitting out practice with injuries were TE Ricky Seals-Jones, CB Rodarius Williams, RB Antonio Williams, T Matt Gono and WR Robert Foster.

## **PATRIOTS**

# Belichick isn't interested in talking about **Dolphins tampering to recruit Brady**

**By Nicole Yang** Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass, -Patriots coach Bill Belichick isn't interested in discussing the NFL investigation that revealed his former quarterback Tom Brady had discussions with Dolphins minority owner Bruce Beal Jr. during the final year of his tenure in New England.

"I'm not really worried about that," Belichick said Wednesday morning. "I'm just trying to get training camp in."

According to the league's

findings released Tuesday, Brady and Beal had "numerous and detailed" conversations that began as early as August 2019 about Brady potentially joining the Dolphins. Brady was under contract with the Patriots at the time, making the discussions a violation of the NFL's tampering policy.

So, did Belichick know his longtime starting quarterback was in contact with a division foe?

"I'm focused on training camp," he said. "That's all in the past."

As part of its six-month investigation, the league also found two additional tampering violations: When the Dolphins had impermissible communications with Brady and his agent Don Yee while Brady was under contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and when the Dolphins had impermissible communications with Yee about another client. coach Sean Payton, while Payton was head coach of the New Orleans Saints.

The NFL suspended Dolphins owner Stephen Ross and fined him \$1.5 million for the violations. Brady, Yee, and Payton did not receive any punish-

Lost year: Third-year linebacker Anfernee Jennings is happy to be back in action after missing all of last season on injured reserve with an undisclosed injury.

"I'm here," he said. "I'm ready to go."

Jennings would not get into the details about what caused him to remain sidelined, but he said his No. 1 focus this offseason was to stay healthy.

# Confident defense aims to go from worst to first

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. -Sheldon Rankins is not one to sugarcoat things or mince words. Like, ever.

So when the New York Jets defensive lineman was asked what he expects from the defense, he was straight-up honest.

"I think the expectations, to a man, have to be (to) be the best defense in the league," Rankins said after practice Wednesday. "If we look at anything else or if we put any other goal out there, we're selling ourselves short."

Sounds great, of course. But this is also a defense that finished last out of 32 teams in total defense and scoring defense last season. The Jets were also near the bottom of the league in pass defense (30th) and run defense (29th).

So going from worst to first in one season might be some big-time wishful thinking, no?

'What's the point of showing up to the race if you're going to say, 'Third is cool?" "Rankins said. "So for us, we want that target on our back. We want that challenge. We want to put that out there because it gives us something to go out there and chase every day.

"It's easy to just say you want to be good. You know, that's relative — what are

you comparing it to? What is your barometer of what you're trying to judge that against? But to say you want to be the best, everybody knows what that means."

It's a mindset that has been adopted throughout the defense. The players talk about it regularly, especially those on a defensive line that is perhaps the team's biggest and deepest — strength this season.

Along with Rankins, a healthy-again Carl Lawson. Quinnen Williams, John Franklin-Myers, Jacob Martin, Vinny Curry, Nathan Shepherd, Solomon Thomas and Tanzel Smart form a veteran core. New York also has rookie first-rounder Jermaine Johnson, fourthrounder Micheal Clemons and promising youngsters Jonathan Marshall, Tim Ward, Bryce Huff, Jabari Zuniga, Bradlee Anae and Hamilcar Rashed Jr.

Notes: QB Zach Wilson had by far his best day of camp and on his 23rd birthday. He completed all eight of his passes in team drills, including a TD to Tyler Conklin. Wilson also had a 2-point conversion toss to Elijah Moore. ... RB Michael Carter returned to practice a day after being held out with an ankle issue. ... RB Ty Johnson (hamstring) and K Greg Zuerlein (toe) didn't practice.

# Amore

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But on Wednesday afternoon there was only an emptiness in the pit of the stomach for anyone who follows UConn. follows women's basketball or follows UConn women's basketball, with the news that an entire year will come and go without seeing Paige Bueckers do Paige Buckers things on a basketball

She will have surgery on Friday.

"We're all devastated for Paige," read UConn coach Geno Auriemma's statement. "She's worked really hard to get stronger and healthier this offseason and this is an unfortunate setback. Paige is obviously an amazing basketball player but she's a better person and teammate and it's really unfortunate that this has happened to her. We'll miss her presence on the court, but she'll do everything she can to still lead and help her teammates this season. Our program will support Paige through her healing process to help her come back better and stronger."

All true. But the images in mind's eve now are of Bueckers on crutches, in a brace, watching forlornly as her teammates warm up for games, cheering them on gamely, but all the while knowing how much

# "God put a dream in my heart and if I have to walk through a nightmare to get it, I'm going to keep believing."

Paige Bueckers via Instagram

she will be hurting inside because she can't be out there with them. You don't have to be a basketball fan to identify, or to hurt with her over the coming year. Last season we learned all too well what that looks and feels like.

It's a gut punch, too, because we have only seen glimpses of what Bueckers can do, but what glimpses. That memorable tour de force against South Carolina in February 2021 came during the pandemic, in a nearly empty Gampel Pavilion. She played to the end of her freshman vear through an ankle injury that required surgery. She worked her way back from knee surgery last season, and we saw the glimpse of her at her best in a regional final, the OT win over North Carolina State. But she never quite regained her explosiveness, even as the Huskies reached the championship game.

Those glimpses are the reason her terrible luck with injuries resonates the way it does. At her best, she does what few others can, and in a way few others do — with a joy and exuberance that leaves its mark. There is a reason everybody wants Bueckers' name and image associated with their product or service, and no publicity machine could manufacture it.

"God put a dream in my heart," Bueckers said via Instagram, "and if I have to walk through a nightmare to get it, I'm going to keep

believing." And it's a gut punch because we know, deep down, that the very joy, exuberance and relentlessness that makes Paige Bueckers who she is can at times be her worst enemy. The fight she puts up in coming out of a game, any game, any time, moved Auriemma to keep her in to the end of a long-decided game vs. Notre Dame last Dec. 5. He blamed himself for the injury she suffered then. even though it was a freakish injury that could have

happened any time. In the wake of the gut punch, one may wonder why young basketball players don't take fuller advantage of the summer months to rest their bodies, at least give their feet, ankles and knees a break from the relentless pounding on hardwood floors. The culture of the game doesn't allow that. No one wants to be outworked, no one wants

to be accused of leaving a ball unbounced, a shot untaken in the never-ending quest to get better, least of all Bueckers. The thought of passing up that pick-up game Monday to give her joints a break likely never crossed her mind. That's what makes her Paige Bueckers. The art of pacing oneself is only learned much later in a career.

All is not lost, even if it feels that way. There will be a season. Auriemma's teams always have enough high-end talent to contend for a title. Getting over the towering hurdle that South Carolina has become without Bueckers may or may not be possible in 2022-23. But there's no reason to believe Bueckers won't be back to chase another title or two in a UConn jersey, just like Bird, Shea Ralph, Mel Thomas and Caroline Doty all did. The passion that has made her so good, so uplifting to watch, won't fade and it will certainly drive her to recover on schedule.

"Some little kid who just tore their ACL or had a major surgery might need this story," she posted, "because it's going to be one hell of a comeback."

Those better days will come, after the ache of Wednesday's gut punch subsides.

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Gustafson). Steals: 7 (Turner 2, Gustafson

2, Peddy, Cunningham, Simms).
Connecticut M FG FT RB A PF PT

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# **UConn**

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"They're all pieces that we need to take this team to where we need to go," Watts

In addition to the speed of returning sophomore running backs, Brian Brewton and Devontae Houston, on the offensive side of the ball, the entire defense has caught the eye of first-year head coach Jim Mora.

"I think it's natural early in camp if your defense is a little ahead of your offense because offense takes so much timing, but I've been encouraged by what I've seen there," Mora said after day five of practice Tuesday.

Preseason optimism is high for Watts and company, who are inspired by the investment Mora put towards the Huskies' success with a slew of new additions to the coaching staff. Nine of UConn's 10 position coaches or coordinators are entering their first season with the team.

Despite all of the new faces, the defense will continue to be guided by Lou Spanos, who served as interim head coach for much of last season before returning to his role as defensive coordinator. Spanos served as Mora's defensive coordinator at UCLA in 2012 and

Strength and condition-

ing coach Matt King also returns, with a focus on building size and the endurance it takes to finish games.

"I've gotten a lot stronger (since this point last year), I've put on some weight," Watts said, echoing a notion shared by many of his team-

During Watts' media availability Tuesday, several of his teammates gathered behind the camera, jumping up and down – doing whatever they could to throw him off. Watts held his composure for a few questions before eventually breaking into laughter.

It's that energy, a new energy radiating throughout the football program in Storrs that provides motivation despite the program's poor recent history.

"It's like having brothers that are not from the same mother like you know, you can call and count on them. They got your back. You got their back, they're gonna hold you accountable they're gonna stay on you — if you're messing up, they're gonna let you know, they're gonna keep it real," Watts said.

"Everybody's just got this got this drive. We know we got somewhere to go and it's gonna take a lot of work to get there. So everybody just knows we've got to have this high motor, high intensity. just to get to where we want

# **LOCAL SCOREBOARD**

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE Black Sox at Angels, 6:30p.m. GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT

**TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS GRAPHICS 7, PHILLIES 1** PEOPLE'S AT EXPOS, PPD.

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULT CARDINALS AT ORIOLES, LATE** 

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE Jets at Colts, 8p.m.

Northeast Hartford

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**TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS** Akron 5, Altoona 2 Binghamton 14, Somerset 9 Bowie 9, Harrisburg 4 Richmond 8, New Hampshire 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Hartford at Reading, late Erie at Portland, late Akron at Altoona, late Bowie at Harrisburg, late Richmond at New Hampshire, late

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE Erie at Portland, 6p.m. Akron at Altoona, 6p.m Bowie at Harrisburg, 6:30p.m. Hartford at Reading, 7p.m. Binghamton at Somerset, 7p.m. Richmond at New Hampshire, 7p.m.

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## SCOREBOARD

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N.Y. Red Bulls	10	7	6	36	38	30
Orlando City	8	9	6	30	27	33
Columbus	7	5	9	30	27	22
Cincinnati	7	8	8	29	37	42
Chicago	7	10	6	27	24	28
New England	6	7	9	27	32	34
Charlotte FC	8	12	2	26	25	31
Inter Miami CF	7	10	5	26	26	37
Atlanta	6	9	7	25	29	33
Toronto FC	6	12	5	23	30	39
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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS D.C. United at Charlotte FC, late CF Montréal at Columbus, late Nashville at Portland, late Miami at San Jose, late

FRIDAY'S MATCH Houston at Vancouver, 10:30p.m

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Seattle at Atlanta, 3p.m. Chicago at Charlotte FC, 7p.m. Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m. New York City FC at Columbus, 7:30 p.m. N.Y. Red Bulls at D.C. United, 7:30p.m. Miami at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m. New England at Orlando City, 7:30p.m. Toronto FC at Nashville, 8p.m. LA Galaxy at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m. San Jose at Austin FC, 9p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
FC Dallas at Portland, 10:30p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10, ALL-STAR GAME** MLS Stars vs. Liga MX Stars, 8:30p.m.

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS** Colorado 5, New York 4 Seattle 1, FC Dallas 0

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San Diego	7	3	4	25	20	11
Portland	6	1	6	24	31	11
Houston	6	4	3	21	24	16
OL Reign	5	3	6	21	15	12
Chicago	5	3	5	20	20	17
Kansas City	5	4	4	19	14	16
Angel City	5	5	2	17	12	14
Orlando	3	5	5	14	14	28
Louisville	2	6	6	12	15	21
Gotham FC	4	7	0	12	9	22
Washington	1	5	8	11	14	18
North Carolina	2	5	3	9	17	19
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FRIDAY'S MATCHES Washington at Louisville, 8p.m. North Carolina at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Kansas City at San Diego, 5p.m. Gotham FC at Chicago, 6p.m. Houston at OL Reign, 6p.m.

Angel City at Orlando, 7p.m. WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

Portland at Washington, 7:30p.m. FRIDAY, AUG. 12

Louisville at Houston, 8:30p.m. SATURDAY, AUG. 13

Kansas City at North Carolina, 8p.m. Orlando at San Diego, 10:30p.m. TUESDAY'S RESULT

**ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE** 

Crystal Palace vs. Arsenal, 3p.m.

Liverpool vs. Fulham, 7p.m. Aston Villa vs. Bournemouth, 10 a.m. Wolverhampton vs. Leed, 10 a.m.

Nottingham vs. Newcastle, 10a.m. Southampton vs. Tottenham, 10a.m. Chelsea vs. Everton, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Brentford vs. Leicester City, 9a.m. Brighton vs. Manchester United. 9a.

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB		
x-Chicago	23	8	.742			
x-Connecticut	21	10	.677	2		
x-Washington	20	12	.625	31/2		
Atlanta	12	18	.400	$10\frac{1}{2}$		
New York	12	18	.400	$10\frac{1}{2}$		
Indiana	5	27	.156	181/2		
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB		
x-Las Vegas	22	9	.710			
x-Seattle	19	12	.613	3		
Dallas	14	16	.467	71/2		
Phoenix	13	18	.419	9		
Los Angeles	12	18	.400	91/2		
Minnesota	12	19	.387	10		
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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Indiana at Atlanta, late Los Angeles at New York, late Minnesota at Seattle, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES Phoenix at Connecticut, 7p.m. Las Vegas at Dallas, 8p.m

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7:30p.m. Washington at Chicago, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES Indiana at Dallas, 8p.m New York at Phoenix, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES Connecticut at Chicago, 1p.m. Los Angeles at Washington, 3p.m. Las Vegas at Seattle, 3p.m. Atlanta at Minnesota, 7p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS Connecticut 87, Phoenix 63 Washington 83, Las Vegas 73 New York 102, Los Angeles 73 Dallas 84, Chicago 78

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Chelsea Gray	13	13	10	7-7-19	LA
Courtney Vandersloot	13	15	10	7-20-18	Chi
Candace Parker	11	11	17	7-28-17	LA
Teneka Johnson	13	11	10	7-24-14	Sea
Sheryl Swoopes	14	10	10	9-3-05	Hou
Deanna Nolan	11	11	10	5-21-05	Det
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### TENNIS CITI OPEN

Wednesday at Willian H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center, Washington, D.C., hard-MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 Emil Ruusuvuori d. #2 Hubert Hurkacz.

#3 Taylor Fritz d. Alexei Popyrin, #4 Reilly Opelka vs. Denis Kudla, late #5Grigor Dimitrov d. Adrian Mannarino, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5. Jeffrey John Wolf d. #6 Denis Shapovalov, 6-2, 6-7(3), 6-3. #9 Holger Rune de Benoit Paire, 6-3, 6-2.

#10 Frances Tiafoe vs. Christopher Eubanks, late Yoshihito Nishioka d. #11 Alex de Minaur. 3-6, 7-6(6), 6-2. Sebastian Korda d. #12 Sebastian Baez, #13 Maxime Cressy d. Jack Sock. 4-6, 6-4, 6-0. #14 Tommy Paul vs.

Nick Kyrgios, late Mikael Ymer d. #15 Aslan Karatsev, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. **WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16** Daria Saville d. #1 Jessica Pegula,

Anna Kalinskaya d. #3 Simona Halep, 7-5, 2-0, retired. #6Kaia Kanepi vs. Lin Zhu, late Rebecca Marino d. Andrea Petkovic,

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6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Wednesday at Los Cabos, Mexi outdoors-hardcourt. MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16 #1 Daniil Medvedev vs. Rinky Hijikata, late #2 Felix Auger-Aliassime vs Juan Alejandro Hernandez, late #3 Cameron Norrie vs. Chun-Hsin Tseng, late #4 Miomir Kecmanovic vs. Jordan Thomas, late #6 Brandon Nakashima vs. Max Purcell, late #7 Thanasi Kokkinakis vs. Steve Johnson, late Radu Albot vs. Jason Kubler, late Ricardis Berankis vs.

Facundo Bagnis, late

LATE TUESDAY, MEN'S SINGLES, R32 #6 Brandon Nakashima d. Kaichi Uchida, 7-6(1), 6-2. #7 Thanasi Kokkinakis d. Fernando Verdasco, 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-2. Jason Kubler d. #8 Tomas Martin Etcheverry, 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-1. Facundo Bagnis d. Ernesto Escobedo, 6-3, 6-1.

Juan Alejandro Hernandez d. Nicolas Barrientos, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Jordan Thompson d. Yannick Hanfmann, 6-3, 6-0. Steve Johnson d. Gonzalo Villanueva, 7-6(1), 6-4. Radu Albot d. Feliciano Lopez,

6-3, 6-7(6), 6-3.

WTA MUBADALA SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC Wednsday at San Jose State Univ, San Jose, Calif., outdoors, hardcourt WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16

#2 Paula Badosa vs. Elizabeth Mandlik, late #3 Ons Jabeur vs.Madison Kevs. late #7 Daria Kasatkina d. Taylor Townsend, Amanda Anisimova d.

#8 Karolina Pliskova, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1. LATE TUESDAY, ROUND OF 32 #6 Coco Gauff d. Anhelina Kalinina, 6-1, 6-0. #9 Veronika Kudermetova d.

Camila Giorgi, 7-6(2), 4-6, 7-5. Caroline Dolehide d. Kayla Day, 7-6(5), 6-4. Shelby Rogers d. Bianca Andreescu.

6-4, 6-2. Naomi Osaka d. Qinwen Zheng, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, Claire Liu, d. Beatriz Haddad Maia, 6-2, 7-5.

WTA BCR IASI OPEN Wednesday at Baza Sportiva Ciric, Iasi, Romania, outdoors, Red clay WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16 #2 Panna Udvardy d. Reka Luca Jani, Maja Chwalinska d. #40lga Danilovic,

Darya Astakhova d. Cristina Dinu, 6-2, 6-2, Rebeka Masarova d. Nastasja Schunk, 4-6, 7-6(5), 6-4. WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 #3 Ana Bogdan d. Oana Georgeta Simion, 6-0, 6-2.

## **AUTO RACING** NASCAR CLIP SERIES

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3 Toyota	730		-87	5
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Chase Elliott	4	8	15	821
Ryan Blaney	0	7	10	696
Ross Chastain	2	10	14	692
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	3	9	671
Kyle Larson	1	9	11	667
Christopher Bell	1	6	12	640
Joey Logano	2	5	9	637
Kyle Busch	1	6	11	633
William Byron	2	4	5	586
Kevin Harvick	0	5	11	575
Tyler Reddick	2	7	9	549
Alex Bowman	1	3	9	541
Daniel Suarez	1	5	9	535
Austin Cindric	1	4	7	530
Chase Briscoe	1	3	4	515
Aric Almirola	0	2	6	515
Erik Jones	0	2	7	496
Kurt Busch	1	5	8	485
Denny Hamlin	2	3	5	471
Bubba Wallace	0	3	5	458
Austin Dillon	0	3	7	455
Justin Haley	0	1	2	425

### NFL PRESEASON HALL OF FAME GAME

Chris Buescher 0 Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. 0

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THURSDAY'S EXHIBITION

Jacksonville vs. Las Vegas, 8 p.m. WEEK 1 THURSDAY, AUG. 11 N.Y. Giants at New England, 7 p.m. Tennessee at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m. Atlanta at Detroit, 6 p.m. Cleveland at Jacksonville, 7 p.m. Arizona at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m. SATURDAY, AUG. 13 Kansas City at Chicago, 1 p.m. Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m. Indianapolis at Buffalo, 4 p.m. Seattle at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Miami at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m. Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m. L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m. SUNDAY, AUG. 14

Minnesota at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m.

ODDS			
MLB NATIONAL LEA	GUE	THURS	DAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Milwaukee	-255	at Pittsburgh	+210
LA Dodgers	-205	at San Fran.	+172
at San Diego	-310	Colorado	+250
at Philadelphia	-225	Washington	+188
at NY Mets	-132	Atlanta	+112
at St. Louis	-148	Chi. Cubs	+126
AMERICAN LEA	AGUE		
at LA Angels	-126	Oakland	+108
Houston	-188	at Cleveland	+158
Tampa Bay	-176	at Detroit	+148

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FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

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-132 at Minnesota +112

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RK. WOMEN	EV	PTS
1. Minjee Lee	13	2,310.120
2. Brooke M. Henderson	n 14	2,189.458
3. Jennifer Kupcho	17	2,009.200
4. Lydia Ko	14	1,885.550
5. Atthaya Thitikul	16	1,536.116
6. Lexi Thompson	10	1,525.808
7. Jin Young Ko	11	1,458.100
8. Hye-Jin Choi	16	1,395.775
9. Nasa Hataoka	16	1,382.114
10. Celine Boutier	16	1,381.508
11. Hyo Joo Kim	11	1,367.848
12. In Gee Chun	15	1,367.303
13. Ayaka Furue	16	1,121.697
14. N. Koerstz Madsen	14	1,093.554
15. Danielle Kang	11	1,069.363
16. Leona Maguire	16	1,063.456
17. Xiyu Lin	15	982.725
18. Hannah Green	13	982.637
<ol><li>19. Madelene Sagstrom</li></ol>		981.729
20. Marina Alex	15	906.676
21. Jessica Korda	9	813.022
22. Nelly Korda	8	804.617
23. Eun-Hee Ji	12	797.867
24. Charley Hull	12	688.029
25. Megan Khang	16	683.850
26. Lilia Vu	14	673.704
27. Yuka Saso	15	643.289
28. Carlota Ciganda	15	636.029
29. Cheyenne Knight	15	621.420
30. Ryann O'Toole	15	617.040

## **MEN'S WORLD RANKINGS**

RK. GOLFER	COUNTRY	AVG
1. Scottie Scheffler	U.S.	10.33
2. Cameron Smith	Australia	9.01
3. Rory McIlroy	N. Ireland	8.30
4. Patrick Cantlay	U.S.	7.74
5. Jon Rahm	Spain	7.25
<ol><li>Kander Schauffele</li></ol>	U.S.	7.25
7. Justin Thomas	U.S.	6.75
8. Collin Morikawa	U.S.	6.6
9. Viktor Hovland	Norway	6.36
10. Matt Fitzpatrick	England	6.10
11. Sam Burns	U.S.	6.00
12. Jordan Spieth	U.S.	5.82
13. Tony Finau	U.S.	5.34
14. Will Zalatoris	U.S.	5.21
15. Billy Horschel	U.S.	4.85
16. Hideki Matsuyama	Japan	4.75
17. Cameron Young	U.S.	4.39
18. Dustin Johnson	U.S.	4.15
19. Joaquin Niemann	Chile	4.02
20. Max Homa	Mexico	3.70
21. Sungjae Im	S, Korea	3.60
22. Abraham Ancer	Mexico	3.57
23. Brooks Koepka	U.S.	3.50
24. Shane Lowry	Ireland	3.48
25. Louis Oosthuizen	S. Africa	3.26
26. Tommy Fleetwood	England	3.25
27. Tyrrell Hatton	England	3.22
28. Kevin Kisner	U.S.	3.19
29. Daniel Berger	U.S. U.S.	3.18
30. Paul Casey		3.15
31. Corey Conners 32. Bryson DeChambea	Canada	3.08
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1. Scottie Scheffler	3,556	\$13,176,91
2. Cameron Smith 3. Sam Burns	2,335 2,275	\$9,847,00 \$6,732,92
4. Xander Schauffele	2,273	\$6,523,09
5. Patrick Cantlay	2,108	\$6,635,40
6. Rory McIlroy	2,104	\$8,234,56
7. Tony Finau	1,912	\$5,533,63
8. Justin Thomas 9. Cameron Young	1,783 1,774	\$6,532,98 \$6,308,21
10. Hideki Matsuyam		\$5,708,54
11. Will Zalatoris	1,642	\$6,631,47
12. Max Homa	1,625	\$5,101,59
13. Matt Fitzpatrick	1,596	\$6,493,97
14. Jordan Spieth 15. Sungjae Im	1,574 1,488	\$4,830,19 \$4,322,02
16. Jon Rahm	1,449	\$4,322,02
17. Tom Hoge	1,424	\$4,271,34
18. Billy Horschel	1,377	\$4,824,91
19. Viktor Hovland	1,314	\$4,647,89
20. Talor Gooch 21. Joaquin Niemann	1,302	\$3,718,99 \$4,395,16
22. J.T. Poston	1,108	\$2,998,27
23. Collin Morikawa	1,089	\$4,309,27
24. Davis Riley	993	\$2,954,36
25. Seamus Power	990	\$3,068,74
26. J.J. Spaun 27. Cameron Tringale	985 957	\$2,762,900 \$3,018,410
28. Shane Lowry	940	\$3,246,35
29. Luke List	938	\$2,702,17
30. Maverick McNeal		\$2,522,11
31. Keegan Bradley	925	\$3,589,83
32. Sepp Straka 33. Kevin Kisner	909 906	\$2,983,18 \$3,565,91
34. Aaron Wise	900	\$3,004,94
35. Corey Conners	898	\$3,148,23
36. Mito Pereira	888	\$2,708,82
37. Sahith Theegala	886	\$2,616,27
38. Keith Mitchell 39. Kyoung-Hoon Lee	883	\$2,883,843 \$2,631,02
40. Denny McCarthy	842	\$2,625,70
41. Kurt Kitayama	839	\$2,359,66
42. Russell Henley	834	\$2,499,65
43. Jason Kokrak	801	\$2,339,96
44. Scott Stallings 45. Lucas Herbert	800 796	\$2,190,40 \$2,310,94
46. Sebastian Munoz		\$2,435,04
47. Mackenzie Hughe		\$2,200,58
48. Tommy Fleetwoo		\$2,874,00
49. Si Woo Kim	751	\$2,148,50
50. Adam Hadwin 51. Chez Reavie	721 707	\$2,495,34 \$1,819,15
52. Chris Kirk	707	\$2,376,36
53. Matt Kuchar	696	\$1,983,55
54. Emiliano Grillo	691	\$1,827,51
55. Brian Harman	691	\$2,259,48
56. Chr. Bezuidenhou 57. Brendan Steele	it 690 689	\$1,866,92 \$2,443,15
58. Harold Varner III	682	\$2,255,44
59. Alex Noren	681	\$1,935,83
60. Tyrrell Hatton	674	\$2,438,48
61. Marc Leishman	656	\$1,879,06
62. Matt Jones 63. Hudson Swafford	653 640	\$1,914,56 \$1,714,92
64. Troy Merritt	639	\$1,765,75
65. Cameron Davis	614	\$1,660,36
66. Taylor Pendrith	611	\$1,756,30
67. Alex Smalley	606	\$1,460,38
68. Lanto Griffin 69. Trey Mullinax	592 590	\$1,717,56 \$1,377,36
70. Brendon Todd	577	\$1,597,07
71. Gary Woodland	573	\$1,956,68
72. Matthew Wolff	572	\$1,485,18
73. Beau Hossler	572	\$1,682,23
74. Chad Ramey 75. Anirban Lahiri	568 567	\$1,281,22 \$2,885,67
76. Adam Long	564	\$1,364,13
77. Matthew NeSmitl		\$1,508,81
78. Adam Scott	548	\$1,871,68
79. Daniel Berger	529	\$1,769,539 \$1,405,009
80. Wyndham Clark 81. Taylor Moore	527 523	\$1,354,25
82. Joel Dahmen	522	\$1,699,65
83. Brandon Wu	511	\$1,273,59
84. Abraham Ancer	510	\$1,777,50
85. Kevin Streelman 86. Mark Hubbard	509 504	\$1,354,093 \$1,163,94
87. Patrick Rodgers	502	\$1,297,05
88. Danny Lee	490	\$1,265,93
89. Aaron Rai	489	\$1,295,95
90. Adam Svensson	481	\$1,159,22
91. David Lipsky 92. Russell Knox	478 476	\$1,179,20 \$1,609,81
93. Peter Malnati	474	\$1,240,26
94. C.T. Pan	473	\$1,313,25
95. Andrew Putnam	472	\$1,258,95
96. Adam Schenk	461	\$1,260,63
97. Hayden Buckley 98. Justin Rose	456 452	\$1,269,88 \$1,410,13
99. Vince Whaley	438	\$1,039,81
100. Stephan Jaeger	428	\$1,123,98
101. Jhonattan Vegas	428	\$1,097,63
102. Nate Lashley	427	\$976,89
103. Lee Hodges 104. Carlos Ortiz	416 414	\$1,097,24 \$1,087,46
105. Martin Laird	414	\$1,067,46
106. Brooks Koepka	412	\$1,317,08
107. Sam Ryder	408	\$1,205,52 \$1,069,38

108. Michael Thompson406

109. Dylan Frittelli

112. Ryan Palmer

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114. Nick Watney 115. Jason Day

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121. Ryan Brehm

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TOP 125 QUALIFY FOR FEDEX PLAYOFFS



Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson was suspended for six games throws a pass during the training camp on Monday in Berea, Ohio. NICK CAMMETT/AP

NFL

# League appealing Watson's suspension

Goodell looking to impose stiffer penalty on Browns QB

By Rob Maaddi | Associated Press

The NFL is seeking an indefinite suspension of at least one year plus a fine in appealing a disciplinary officer's decision to suspend Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson for six games for violating the league's personal conduct policy, a person familiar with the filing told The Associated Press.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the matter isn't public knowledge, also said Watson would be required to undergo treatment before he could be reinstated. The league initially recommended an \$8 million fine and asked for a \$5 million fine in settlement negotiations that never materialized, another person involved in the talks told the AP.

The NFL's appeal gives Commissioner Roger Goodell or someone he designates authority to impose a stiffer penalty. League spokesman Brian McCarthy said it's still to be determined whether Goodell or someone else will hear the appeal.

Former federal judge Sue L. Robinson issued her ruling Monday after Watson was accused by two dozen women in Texas of sexual misconduct during massage treatments while he played for the Texans.

In her 16-page report, Robinson described Watson's behavior as "more egregious than any before reviewed by the NFL."

Robinson's punishment — in her first case since being jointly appointed by the league and NFL Players Association — fell well short of the indefinite suspension of at least one year sought by the league.

So, the NFL on Wednesday exercised its right to appeal, per the collective bargaining agreement.

The players' union has until the end of business Friday to respond in writing. The union could challenge the appeal ruling in federal court, setting the stage for a prolonged fight.

McCarthy said there's no timeline for Goodell or his designee to make a ruling.

According to the league's personal conduct policy, the appeal will be processed on an expedited basis. Also, it will be "limited to consideration of the terms of discipline imposed" and "based upon a review of the existing record without reference to evidence or testimony not previously considered."

The policy also states the "decision of the Commissioner or his designee, which may overturn, reduce, modify or increase the discipline previously issued, will be final and binding on all parties."

This is the first time since the new CBA was signed in 2020 that the league and the NFLPA turned to a jointly appointed disciplinary officer to determine violations of the personal conduct policy.

By appealing, the NFL is giving that power back to Goodell, who can chose another person to levy any punishment.

A league official told the AP before Watson's three-day disciplinary hearing concluded in June that the NFL wanted to avoid an appeal.

But the league proceeded with one amid a backlash from some fans and intense public pressure in the media. Other factors include Watson's lack of remorse, which Robinson noted in her report.

Watson, who played four seasons with the Texans before sitting out last season and then being traded to the Browns in March, recently settled 23 of 24 lawsuits filed by the women who alleged sexual harassment or assault during massage treatments in 2020 and 2021. Two grand juries in Texas declined to indict Watson on criminal complaints brought by 10 of the women.

Robinson concluded that Watson violated three provisions of the personal conduct policy: sexual assault; conduct posing a genuine danger to the safety and well-being of another person; and conduct that undermines or puts at risk the integrity of the NFL. She declined to suspend Watson for a full

year based on precedents and the league's current policy. But Robinson concluded a longer suspension could be justified if it was already outlined in the personal conduct policy. "While it may be entirely appropriate to

more severely discipline players for non-violent sexual conduct, I do not believe it is appropriate to do so without notice of the extraordinary change this position portends for the NFL and its players," Robinson wrote in her report.

The Browns traded three first-round picks for the three-time Pro Bowler and signed him to a five-year, \$230 million contract.

AP's Tom Withers contributed.

# IN BRIEF

# UConn's Bueckers tears ACL

News services

UConn women's basketball star Paige Bueckers tore the ACL in her left knee during a pickup game and will miss the entire 2022-23 season, the school announced Wednesday.

UConn said in a statement that Bueckers suffered the injury Monday and underwent an MRI that evening. It did not say where the junior guard from Hopkins, Minn., was playing when the injury occurred. It was the same knee she injured last year, causing her

Bueckers was named the 2020-21 AP national player of the year, becoming the first freshman to earn that honor. She averaged 20.1 points, 5.9 assists and 2.3 steals per game that season.

to miss significant time.

She missed 19 games last season after suffering a left knee tibia plateau fracture and torn meniscus in early December. But Bueckers returned to lead the Huskies to the Final Four, where the Huskies lost to South Carolina in the championship game in Minneapolis, which is 10 miles from her hometown.

She finished the season averaging 14.6 points, 4.0 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game.

Autoracing: Alex Albon has signed a multivear contract extension to continue driving for Formula One team Williams. Albon, 26, joined Williams this season as a replacement for George Russell, who moved to Mercedes.

College football: One-time Clemson starting S Lannden Zanders is giving up football because of continuing problems with his injured right shoulder. Zanders has had three surgeries to repair and rehab a torn labrum. He was cleared to compete at the Tigers' fall

camp, which opens Friday. However, Zanders said on social media he felt he was not "physically able" to be the player he had been and made the choice to step away from the game.

**NFL:** Saints S Tyrann Mathieu reported for training camp and participated in practice drills after initially being excused to attend to what the team described as a personal matter. The 30-year-old, nineyear NFL veteran agreed to a three-year, \$33 million free-agent contract in early May. ... Cardinals WR Marquise Brown was been arrested and charged with criminal speeding. Brown was acquired in a draft-day deal with the Ravens and is expected to play a big role in the Cardinals offense, especially during the first six weeks when DeAndre Hopkins is out because of a suspension.

**NHL:** The Devils avoided salary arbitration with F Jesper Bratt, signing him to a one-year, \$5.45 million contract. Bratt, 23, set career highs last season in goals (26), assists (47), shots (197), power-play points (18), time on ice (17:26) and points (73).... Milwaukee will host an NHL game for the first time in more than three decades when the Blackhawks face the Wild at Fiserv Forum, the home of the NBA's Bucks in an Oct. 2 preseason game.

**Soccer:** Premier League players will no longer take the knee ahead of every match, but will do so at "significant moments" during the upcoming season in a gesture against racism.

**Tennis:** Top-seeded Jessica Pegula is out of the Citi Open after getting upset by Australian Daria Saville. The defending champion of the Washington tournament lost to Saville, 7-5. 6-4, with a spot in the quarterfinals on the line.

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\* Denotes name listing only. Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

## **OBITUARIES**

## Brown, Donald R.



Donald R. Brown, 86, of Rocky Hill passed peacefully July 27th. He will be reunited in heaven with his wife Doris G. Brown. Born in Hartford. 1936 to Viola and Charles Brown. A graduate of Hartford Reg. Tech 1954, he is predeceased by his brothers Charles and Ken. Don worked many years and retired as a dedicated employee for CNG. A father in

law to Doris's children Todd Schoen and Tami Morneault; he was a proud "Gramps" of Nicole Shepherd, Kelly Cahill, Joey Schoen, and Marcel Schoen who he raised as his own. His 7 great grandchildren Brooklyn, Amaya, Zoey, Carley, Maverick, Coltan and McKayli brought him joy all the way through! Don is also survived by his sister in law Felicia Brown, and his "favorite" Stacy Schoen. A great man was lost, but his spirit and memories will live on forever. Earnily and friends are invited. ries will live on forever. Family and friends are invited to the Giuliano-Sagarino Funeral Home at BROOKLAWN, 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill, on Saturday, August 6th from 9-10:30 a.m. with a Service, Officiated by Rev. Ronald Cox, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill. For full obituary as well as well as online guestbook pleas www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com. please

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## **Prentiss Gravelle, Joan A.Connerton**



Joan Ann (Connerton) Prentiss Gravelle, 88, of Bristol, passed away peacefully at Ingraham Manor on July 22, 2022. Joan was born in Winsted on June 8, 1934, a daughter of the late Eugene F. and Mae (Brown) Connerton.

Joan was a parishioner at St. Ann Church in Bristol where she also loved playing bingo with friends. She was full of

life and loved to dance. Joan is survived by her children, Charles Prentiss, Jr. Cynthia DiGiacomo and her husband James, Margaret LaQuerre and her husband Steve, Garald Prentiss and his wife Maureen, Deborah Michaud and her husband Gary, Eugene Prentiss and his wife Dawn, and Sean Prentiss; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many close friends. Joan was predeceased by one grandson Michael LaQuerre.

Friends and family are invited to calling hours on Sunday, August 7th from 9-10:30AM followed by a memorial service at O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Bristol, CT.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Joan's name to the Connecticut Children's Foundation, Inc., PO Box 412901, Boston, MA 02241-2901 or online at https://www.connecticutchildrensfoundation.org. Please share a memory with Joan's family in the online guestbook at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com.



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# Robbins, Susan C.



Susan C. Robbins left this world on Saturday, July 30 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

was born Susan Lee Canfield on March 12, 1947 in Springfield, Mass., was predeceased by parents Arthur A. Canfield and LouCinda Rhett Hobbs

Susan grew up in the family home on Halladay Avenue in Suffield and graduated from the high school in 1965. She received an Associates in Art degree from Bay Path Junior College in 1967 and worked as a media graphic artist in Miami, Florida and Mobile, Alabama

After returning to Suffield later in life, she became an active member of the Suffield Garden Club and volunteered for the Zion Hill Cemetery Association, becoming its secretary in 2022. She enjoyed visiting the senior center and sometimes worked on election day at the polls.

Her love of cats, especially Fii and Leo, is best expressed by the sign that hung in her kitchen: "No outfit is complete without cat hairs".

She is survived by sisters, Joyce Hemingson of Colebrook; Jeanne Brousseau and partner Nat Birdsall of Penobscot, Maine; niece, Layla Hobbs of Bangor, Maine; nephews, Sean Brousseau of Windham, Maine, Craig Brousseau of Penobscot, Maine and Nathan Hemingson of New Hartford. She was the great aunt of Helen and Victor Hemingson and Hayden and Delainey Brousseau. She also leaves behind many caring cousins, neighbors, gardening friends and high school classmates.

Family and friends are invited to the burial service on Saturday, September 10 at 11:30 am at the Zion Hill Cemetery at 1217 Hill Street in Suffield, followed by a reception in the First Baptist Church of Suffield at the same location.

Memorial donations may be made to the Suffield Garden Club, PO Box 164, Suffield CT 06078 or to the Zion Hill Cemetery Association, c/o Treasurer, Norm Noble, 1522 North Grand Street, West Suffield, CT 06093.

Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home have care of arrangements. To leave on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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## **OBITUARIES**

## Quinn, Laurie A.



Laurie A. Quinn, of Cromwell, died unexpectedly at her home on July 30th.

Born on February 15th,1957 in Middletown, CT, she was the daughter of Bernard Quinn and the late Judith Quinn. Laurie grew up in Middletown,

and graduated from Mercy High School and Southern Connecticut State College.

She worked at the "Inn at Middletown" as a sales

She is survived by Bob Ducki and his family David and Ronnie (Robin) Ducki; her father, Bernard Quinn; her little sister Nancy Day and brother-in-law Gregg Day; nephews Nick and Ryan Day; her beloved dog Abbey and many friends. Her Mercy "sisters" were an important part of her life and they shared so many lifetime memories that they will all cherish forever.

She was loved by so many and we will miss her smile and the "Laurie" giggle. Laurie was taken too soon, she lived an extraordinary life surrounded by people who adored her. She will be missed greatly. Her passion was loving and helping animals. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane

Society.

A memorial mass will be held on Tuesday, August 9th at 10 a.m. in St. Pius X Church, Middletown. Burial will be in the family plot in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Middlefield. The Coughlin-Lastrina Funeral Home, 491 High St., Middletown is in charge of arrangements.

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## Reed, Susan (DiFusco)



Susan (DiFusco) Reed of South Windsor, passed away on Monday, July 25, 2022 from Cervical Cancer. She was born in Hartford, the daughter of the late Ralph and Catherine (Cappa) DiFusco. Susan lived in Cromwell for 4 years, attending both Cromwell Junior High and Cromwell High Schools, before moving to New Britain in 1965. There she at-

tended Pulaski High School, graduating in 1967. Susan served as a class officer at both Cromwell and Pulaski High Schools and was named "Homecoming Queen" at Pulaski High School. For a short time, Susan attended New Britain General Hospital School of Nursing and The Hartford College for Women. Formerly she was employed by South Windsor Library and Wethersfield Library. Susan was a CAT LADY who befriended strays and named them after her brothers. Susan loved caring for her mother after the death of her father in 1986. She enjoyed the CT and RI beaches with her mother and brother. The sunshine and sand brought much calm and joy into her life. She leaves her brothers; Richard A. DiFusco (Cele) of Boca Raton, FL, Robert R. DiFusco of Vernon, her husband Marshall Reed of Stuart, FL, and a close family friend, Richard Rudeen of East Hartford. She was called "Auntie Suzie" by her nephew Jason DiFusco and niece Gina of Florida. In nephew Jason DIFusco and niece Gina of Fiorida. III addition to her immediate family, Susan leaves many beloved cousins of the DiFusco and Cappa families. There are no services per her wishes. Donations in her memory may be made to Drs. Without Borders, or Save the Children. WE HONOR, WE MOURN AND WE REMEMBER Susan D Reed (1949-2022) WHO LIVED HER LIFE WITH KINDNESS & COURAGE. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home in South Windsor is caring for the arrangements. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



# William, R. Blackham



William R. Blackham, 93, of Avon, beloved husband of Eileen (Gonzalez) Blackham for 71 years, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at his home with his family by his side. Born in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late William and Helen (Lerch) Blackham, he attended Brooklyn Technical High School attended and thereafter, served his country in the United States

Navy on the USS Foss, a destroyer escort. He was a World War II Veteran and recipient of medals of honor and he was very proud to have served his country. Following his honorable discharge from the Navy, he earned a BS degree in Engineering from Northwestern University and a Master's degree in metallurgy from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. His extensive career in the aerospace industry included leadership positions with American Can, General Electric, Klock Co., Windsor Airmotive, culminating with a successful career at Sermatech, a Division of Teleflex, Corp., and eventually retiring to pursue other interests. Bill was a man of many talents and interests. His passion was Aeronautics and he found extreme enjoyment being an active member of the Central CT Radio Control Club, where he served for many years as Treasurer. He used his engineering talent to design and build the planes he enjoyed flying at the field. He loved sailing and fishing on Long Island sound. He custom built a summer cottage on the North Shore on Long Island and spent several winters building a 16-foot Point Judith Sailboat in his garage. Bill loved skiing and enjoyed weekend family trips to Vermont. He loved to travel with his wife and was able to see much of the world. Bill loved his grandchildren dearly and took great pleasure in their accomplishments and in spending time with them. In addition to his loving wife, Bill leaves his beloved children and grandchildren - a son William "Jay" Blackham and his wife Cynthia of Colchester; a daughter Daria H. Blackham of Rowayton; grandchildren Ashley Mazurkiewicz and her husband Ronald, Enrique "Jake" Lopez-Balboa, Taylor Lopez-Balboa, and Colby Lopez-Balboa; and his sisters, Irma Earley of Forest Hills, NY and Helen Kurczewski of Westbury, NY. He was recently predeceased by his sister, Arlene Ibert. The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the caregivers who tirelessly gave their time and dedication during his most recent illness. Graveside Service will be held TUESDAY, August 9, 2022, 11 AM at St. Ann Cemetery, Arch Road, Avon with Military Honors. Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice that supports Veterans or First Responders. The Carmon Funeral Home of Avon is caring for the arrangements.

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# Mayo, Marion L. (Davis)



Marion L. Mayo, 95, of Peterborough, NH and formerly of West Granby and Simsbury, CT, beloved wife for 63 years of the late Robert Thurston Mayo, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 25, 2022. Born in Keene, NH on March 2, 1927, daughter of the late Sidney O. and Bertha (Saltzgiver) Davis, she was Bertha raised in Keene, NH and was a

graduate of Keene High School, Class of 1945. Marion and Bob moved to West Granby in 1957 where they raised four children. Marion worked for many years as a bookkeeper and secretary at the Granby Visiting Nurses Association. She was an active member of the West Granby United Methodist Church where she served as co-chair of the Church Council and as a member and treasurer of the United Methodist Women. Marion also volunteered at the Y.W.C.A. and had served as a member of the Board of Directors and a term as President of the Y.W.C.A. Town Committee. Marion's love for all people and her faith led her to help found the Hartford Chapter of Habit for Humanity. She volunteered for many years for Habitat for Humanity building homes throughout the Hartford area and helping others homes throughout the Hartford area and helping others realize the dream of home ownership. She leaves four children, Robert A. Mayo and his wife Susan of Peterborough, NH, Kathryn Perkins and her husband William of Burlington, CT, Margaret "Peg" Pickholtz and her husband Bruce of Coral Springs, FL and William D. Mayo of Granby, CT; a brother, Sidney Davis, Jr. and his wife Judy of Port Orange, FL; six grandchildren, Robert Mayo of Turners Falls, MA, Joseph Mayo and his wife Maren of Plymouth, MN, David Pickholtz and his wife Ashley of St. Louis, MO, Harris Pickholtz of Seattle, WA, Emily Nettleton and her husband Brian of Bristol, CT, Emily Nettleton and her husband Brian of Bristol, CT, and Ellen Perkins and her fiancé Yan Hughes of Brooklyn, NY; eight great-grandchildren, Julian, Adeline, Micah, and Elin Mayo, Colter and Boden Nettleton, and Sasha and Elise Pickholtz; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by three sisters, Ruth Frink, Audrey Lesure, and Mabel Wiggett. A memorial service will be held in Granby, CT at a date and time to be announced. Burial will be in Granby Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial dona-tions may be made to the Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity at 75 Charter Oak Avenue, B- 2, Suite 205, Hartford, CT 06106 or hartfordhabitat.org. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Granby has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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# Puorro, Donald J.



Donald James Puorro, 73, of Rocky Hill, husband of Gail Hinchliffe Puorro, died Thursday, July 28, 2022. Born in Norwich, CT on December 23, 1948, he was the son of the late Edward J. and Kathleen (Gelino) Puorro. Don was a graduate of Vinal High School and received his Associate's Degree from Hartford State Technical

College. He proudly served in the CT Army National Guard for nine years and was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant First Class. Before retiring, he was a construction engineer for the CT Department of Transportation. Besides his wife Gail, he is survived by his sons Derek Puorro and wife Kerstin, Brandon Puorro and wife Kelly, his step-son Bruce Howard Jr., brothers John, Rick, and Duane Puorro, and seven grandchildren: Daniel, Jake, Ella, Kayla, and Alexa Puorro, and Camilla and Cordelia Howard. He also had several nieces and nephews including Dawn and Gail Marie Novack, whom he had a special bond with. He will be missed-"All my Love, All

Calling hours will be at the Cromwell Funeral Home, 506 Main Street, Cromwell, on Monday August 8th from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Donald's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza, 2nd FL, East Hartford, CT 06108. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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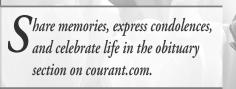
# Schatz, Edith (Bernstein)



Edith Bernstein Schatz (1931-2022)

Edith Bernstein Schatz, beloved for her joyous approach to life, passed away in the comfort of her own home in Bloomfield, Connecticut on August 1. She own home in Bloomfield, Connecticut on August 1. She was 91. Edith was a devoted mother and grandmother, wonderful friend, arts supporter, local tennis champion, bridge and golf enthusiast, pianist, folk singer, traveler and lover of life. She was fun and free-spirited, with an infectious laugh: a magical "Grandy" who hid candy and comic books in her grandchildren's beds and celebrated all family birthdays as if they were national holidays. Born on March 19, 1931, in New York City to Mary and Abram Bernstein, Edith grew up on West End Avenue and graduated from the High School of Music and Art in 1948. In high school, she played the bass fiddle and piano, sang and wrote musical shows. At 16, she won the special honor of being maestro Leonard Bernstein's greeter at Grand Central Station. She attended Barnard College and senior year was presented with a "Swing and Sway" baton by bandleader Sammy Kaye after competing in "So You Want to Lead A Band." After graduating in 1952, she worked in television production in New York City and then married and moved to West Hartford, where she raised four children and later parried an Master's in Education at St moved to West Hartford, where she raised four children and later earned a Master's in Education at St. Joseph's College in 1968. She subsequently taught in West Hartford schools and was also an enthusiastic volunteer in helping Russian immigrants adapt to the Hartford community. Loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friend, she is survived by Louis and Susan Schatz of West Hartford, Beverly and David Therkelsen of Andover, Massachusetts, Carol Schatz and Richard Papper of New York City, and Patricia and Gilles Pipernos-Schatz also of West Hartford. She was the adoring grandmother of: David and Amy Schatz, Carly and Matt Campbell (and great granddaughter Ada Ruth Campbell), Matt Therkelsen and Talia Steiman, Liza Therkelsen; Gaby and Will Papper; and Benjamin and Sara Pipernos. Her beloved sister, Joann Temkin, passed away in 2015. The family extends a special thank you to Delores for her help the last two years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Edith's memory to Alumni & Friends of LaGuardia High School, https://alumniandfriends.org/give. The family plans to celebrate her life with a private service.

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## **OBITUARIES**

# Albuquerque, Manuel A.



Manuel A. Albuquerque, 82, a resident of West Hartford, passed away on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at his home in West Hartford with his family by his side. Born on March 13, 1940, in Portugal, he was the son of the late Antonio and Deolinda (Cabral) Albuquerque and the beloved husband of 58 years to Maria M. (Costa) Albuquerque. Manuel immi-

grated to the United States in 1972. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a machinist with the Wiremold Co. for 28 years. A man of faith, he was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Hartford. In his leisure time he was an avid soccer fan. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

A beloved husband, father, and grandfather, he is survived by his daughter, Diolinda Gomes and her husband, Luis of Newington, his son-in law, Carlos Ramos of West Hartford, his two sisters, as well as his four grandchildren, Carlos, Alex, Cassandra and Cristina. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter Maria Ramos, and four brothers.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Manuel's family on Saturday morning, August 6, 2022 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington, followed by the Celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Hartford. Burial will be in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. To leave an online expression of sympathy for the family, please visit: www.duksa.net.



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## Kaminski-Blaskow, Marie

Marie Blaskow, of Bristol passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her children and grandchildren on July 28, 2022. She was 91. Born in Jersey City, New Jersey Marie and her family moved to Connecticut in the late 70's. She is survived by her four devoted children, Michelle Kaminski, James Kaminski Margaret Kaminski Gamache, and Marc Blaskow. Four cherished Grandchildren and two Great Grandchildren and four Sisters. Go to www.opacityfuneralhome.com for Marie's complete obituary and funeral arrangements from DuPont Funeral Home, Bristol, Connecticut.

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## Venora, Joan Giovanna(lerna)



Joan Giovanna (Ierna) Venora, 94, of Newington, beloved wife of the late Joseph William Venora, gently passed into the Lord's keeping in peace on Sunday, July 24, 2022 at John Dempsey Hospital. Born in Hartford, November 6, 1927 to the late Paul and Carmela (Zappulla) Ierna, she grew up in Hartford, and lived in Bloomfield and West Hartford

before moving to Newington over 50 years ago. She was an avid reader and a member of a local fitness center in Newington for many years. She retired from the Southern New England Telephone Company in 1991 after a twenty plus year career. She loved her job at SNET. Joan was an active member of Saint Mary's Church in Newington. She loved to cook, bake, and celebrating holidays together with her family. She will be missed dearly. Joan is survived by her son William J. Venora and his wife Barbara, her grandchildren Elizabeth and Joseph, whom she cherished, and a nephew Paul Ierna of Florida. Joan was also prede-ceased by her daughter, Barbara S. Verzi; her son Robert J. Venora; her sister Giovanna Ierna, and her brother Salvatore Ierna.

Her family will receive friends for memorial calling hours on Monday, August 8, 2022 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road (Route 83), Vernon. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to UConn John Dempsey Hospital, 100 Hospital Drive, Farmington, CT 06030. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.



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# Williams, Kathryn



Kathryn Williams, Hartford, passed away peacefully surrounded by love on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital. She was born in Albany, GA on August 20, 1955, to the late Samuel Thelma (Gatewood) Williams. She lived a fulfilling life as a devoted mother, grandmother, and she had a deep love for her family.

Kathryn is survived by, a daughter, Latonya Harts (Gary) of Windsor; three grandchildren, Jamar Honore, Omar Honore, and Taryn Harts all of Windsor; siblings, Elisha Williams of Bloomfield, Thelma Allen, Samuel Williams, Jr. (Pamela), and Roger Williams all of Hartford. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by an infant son, Leonard Williams; two brothers, Holloway and Frank Williams; a sister, Carolynn Williams; and a nephew, Anthony Len Allen.

Her family will receive friends on Friday, August 5, 10-11 a.m., followed by a Homegoing Service at 11 a.m., at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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